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## STONES OF THE WALL

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## Panel to probe chiselling of holes at 'Little Kotel'



Arrow points to one of the holes chiselled into the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. The open courtyard at right constitutes the "Little Kotel" where Jews sometimes prayed during Mandate times. Entrance to courtyard is off an alley leading to Iron Gate. Excavations by Ministry for Religious Affairs along the length of the Western Wall are eight feet below ground level here. Excavations have been halted since December at this point for fear of further undermining house in whose portico Rabbi Meir Getz, in charge of Western Wall compound, is now standing.

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

The Prime Minister yesterday set up a committee to investigate the chiselling last Friday of four holes, 15 centimetres deep, in the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. The committee began work last night. The holes touched off a storm of protest in religious and right-wing circles who denounced them as a desecration and demanded demolition of a row of houses blocking the northward extension of the Western Wall. The holes were drilled by Arab labourers working for a Jewish contractor engaged in propping up a

dangerously sagging house abutting the Temple Mount. The house is just north of the small courtyard containing "The Little Kotel" (Western Wall), 180 metres north of the Western Wall prayer area. As with the Western Wall proper, the "Little Kotel" near the Iron Gate, constitutes the outer wall of the Temple Mount. More than a month ago, the Municipality gave orders for the building to be propped up. It was said at the time that it had been dangerously undermined by excavations being conducted by the Ministry

## Numeiri's deputy resigns; talks with rebels may begin

KHARTOUM. — President Ja'afar Numeiri yesterday accepted the resignation of Vice-President and Defence Minister Khalid Hassan Abbas and announced a cabinet reshuffle. In a statement issued yesterday, President Numeiri said that Major-General Abbas had made three requests to be relieved of his duties since last year's abortive coup "when we lost some dear comrades." The general had remained in office at the President's request but "I finally had to accept the resignation," President Numeiri said. The President said he would take charge of the Defence Ministry himself. Sudanese diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa reported yesterday that Sudanese Government officials and representatives of the rebel movement in Southern Sudan are expected to hold talks in the Ethiopian capital next week on a possible settlement of the 5-year-old struggle between them. The sources said next week's talks, if they materialize, will be the second face-to-face meeting between the two sides across the

peace table. They said the first took place in Addis Ababa last year when the two sides exchanged working papers and agreed to meet again at a later date. The sources did not disclose details of the working papers but they emphasized the talks were based on the "regional autonomy offered by President Numeiri in June 1969. That offer promised to develop the backward south and grant its three million inhabitants, mostly pagan with Christian and Moslem minorities, local rule. The region remained part of a united Sudan and with the central government in Khartoum handling defence and foreign affairs. In a conciliatory gesture, Numeiri ordered a general amnesty in the south which has been extended several times and remains in effect until today. The rebels have been divided among themselves, with one faction favouring autonomy and another demanding secession. Sudanese Government officials have repeatedly accused Israel of aiding the rebel guerrillas by sending them arms through Uganda. (Reuters/UPI)

## IRVING LIFTED HUGHES BOOK

NEW YORK (Reuters). — "Time" magazine yesterday said much of Clifford Irving's "autobiography" of Howard Hughes was taken from another manuscript and also said Irving has admitted that he has never met the millionaire recluse. The magazine also said Irving is willing to go to jail for fraud if authorities show leniency on charges against his wife Edith.

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## Cabinet sets date for long-delayed Rabbinate elections

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved a series of draft amendments to the Chief Rabbinate Elections Law, finally setting the date for the long-delayed balloting. Under the amendments, the elections will be held not later than June 30, and the terms of office of the outgoing council extended from last January 31, when they lapsed, until July 31.

The present Rabbinate's term of office had originally been set to expire three years ago. The amendments will be referred to the Knesset's Interior Committee today, so that the law can go through second and third readings within a matter of days. The draft amendments had been hammered out by a special committee of Ministers, set up after the Interior Committee failed to make any progress on the preparation of the law's second reading. But the Ministers, too, had been deadlocked until Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman's reported agreement not to submit his candidacy. The Chief Rabbi's agreement has been announced by Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, but not by Rabbi Unterman himself.

There is no specific clause in the draft which would exclude the 83-year-old Rabbi Unterman from standing. The amendments specify that both future Chief Rabbis would be presidents of the Council, sitting alternately as chairmen, unless they decide otherwise. This had been understood previously, but never written into the law. A former Chief Rabbi who did not stand for re-election would automatically get the title of honorary president of the Council. This would give him the right to appear in a consultative capacity at any session to which both Chief Rabbis invited him. (The number of honorary presidents would not be limited.)

If one of the Chief Rabbis resigned or died, the other would wield the powers of both, till the next election. If both Chief Rabbis did not function, the oldest Ashke-

nazi and Sephardi members of the Council respectively would function in their stead till elections. The Cabinet also approved the draft of regulations which the Religious Affairs Minister can only gazette after the Law is passed and the Knesset Interior Committee adds its confirmation. Under these regulations, the Chief Rabbinate Council would be elected by an electoral college of 150 members of whom 80 would be rabbis and 70 representatives of the public (of local and municipal councils, in fact). A five-man elections committee would be obliged to set up this college so that it could hold the actual election of the Council before the end of June. The electoral college is expected to contain Ashkenazi and Sephardi electors in roughly equal numbers. Ten of the 80 rabbis in the college would be appointees of the Religious Affairs Minister, who would adjust any inter-community imbalance. Neither the amendments to the law, nor the regulations to be gazetted in its wake, mention a maximum age for the candidates or the functionaries, since the Alignment proposed its demand for such an upper age limit. However, there is a lower age limit of 30 years for the Chief Rabbis.

Although the Cabinet did not debate the law at length in yesterday's session, since the Committee of Ministers had gone over the ground beforehand, a number of points had to be put to the vote. The Independent Liberals (who have one representative in the Cabinet — Tourism Minister Moshe Kobi) last week decided to maintain their demand for an age limit of 75 years, though without insisting that the limit be applied for the next five years, so as to avoid any invidious distinctions. The ILP has also objected to the new title of honorary president, arguing that such a functionary would inevitably carry influence.

## Israel to try to clarify its position to Senegal

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent Israel will maintain contact with President Leopold Senghor of Senegal to try to clear up any misunderstanding on Israel's attitude to peace talks, according to political circles in Jerusalem. The circles were reacting to the interview in "Le Monde," in which Mr. Senghor was quoted as accusing Israel of going back on promises made to the African President's delegation which visited Israel and Egypt last November. The paper quoted Mr. Senghor as saying that, in conversations with the African group, Israel undertook not to use territories, but Mr. Eban's statement of December 6 in the U.N. General Assembly went back on this engagement. The circles in Jerusalem said that Mr. Eban's statement in the Assembly was identical to what the African Presidents had been told: Israel is against annexation but in favour of agreed border changes reached in negotiations. The circles pointed out that after the Presidents' visit to the Middle East and after Mr. Eban's statement the Senegalese delegation at the U.N. had stated that the standpoints of both Israel and Egypt were sufficiently positive to justify the resumption of negotiations. This point, not to be in the Senegalese amendment to the anti-Israel resolution passed by the General Assembly.

## Two Britons die digging for coal

BURNSLEY, England (AP). — A man and a youth were killed by tons of falling earth yesterday as they tunneled into open coal seams to dig fuel for their fireless homes. They died at separate open seams which have attracted hundreds of do-it-yourself miners since the five-week strike by pit workers made coal virtually unobtainable in this mining community. First to die was teenager Michael Phillips who was buried after making a wooden prop supporting a tunnel into the seam collapsed. Also killed was painter Henry Ailes, 53, who was digging at another of the open seams. (See power cuts — page 2)

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## Dayan scoffs at Cairo 'offer'

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar was on hand to greet Defence Minister Moshe Dayan when he arrived at Lod Airport yesterday after a trip to the U.S. Asked about the supply of Phantom military aircraft by the Americans, Mr. Dayan said the jets were already "more or less on the way." In reply to a question about the possibility of the Egyptians opening fire, he said that if Cairo did not find a way out of its present impasse it "would open fire sooner or later." However, Egypt should realize that, "because it cannot go on in this situation of no peace and no war, it should be flexible towards political talks, which would be more beneficial to them, than opening fire." Mr. Dayan told the newsmen at the airport. "The main thing now is getting moving towards an interim agreement. But until now we have not heard of any Egyptian acceptance, either from the Americans or from our own people in the U.S."

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar, Intelligence chief Aluf Aharon Yariv, Communications Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Ministry officials were on hand to meet Mr. Dayan. Mr. Dayan said he had not discussed any substantive issues with the U.S. officials he met, including Secretary of State William Rogers, and "wasn't even asked for new ideas." He said he held the talks so he could understand the American position, adding "I heard their frank views and it was very beneficial for me." Replying to another question, Mr. Dayan said he saw no danger that the Americans and Soviets would try to impose a Middle East solution. Therefore, he said, there was no danger in President Nixon's forthcoming visit to Moscow.

## Soldier injured in Golan ambush

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent TEL-AVIV. — A soldier was wounded by a terrorist ambush in the northern Golan Heights yesterday morning. The incident occurred when an army patrol drew bazooka and automatic weapons fire from infiltrators from Syria, lying in ambush at a point north of Bougata village. The patrol returned fire. This was the first incident reported from the Syrian frontier since the Israeli Air Force attacked terrorist concentrations in southern Syria on January 24.

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Deputy Prime Minister Kyril Mazurov will visit Damascus later this month while the entire Kremlin troika — Soviet Communist party boss Leonid Brezhnev, Premier Alexei Kosygin and President Nikolai Podgorny — will visit Baghdad later. The new Soviet offensive in the area prompted a sharp attack by Saudi Arabia yesterday against Communist penetration of Arab countries. Radio Mecca last night called upon the Arab peoples to fight the present Communist drive which was said to be "striking at Islamic values." The Saudi press accused the Soviet Union of shattering the Palestinian terrorist movement. Some of the Saudi criticism was being republished by a number of Lebanese newspapers including the leading "Al-Nahar" daily.

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# Power cuts puts British industry on half-time

LONDON (Reuters). — Continued cuts in electricity forced Britons to go without their Sunday joints yesterday, but the full force of the nationwide shortage is not expected until today when industry must abide by strict government power rationing.

As final preparations were made for industry to switch to half-time today, a Government board of Inquiry headed by Lord Wilberforce was meeting informally with mining leaders in London to discuss a speed-up of their investigation.

Mr. Lawrence Daly, General Secretary of the Mineworkers' Union, said if the inquiry's recommendations were satisfactory, they could be put to coal miners' branch meetings within two or three days. This could settle their dispute with the National Coal Board in a matter of days, he said. On the other hand, they might decide to hold a ballot which could take two or three weeks.

Millions of workers were expected to be laid off as industrial leaders enforced the conservation strictures amid warnings that 20 million people could be out of work in two to three weeks barring a settlement of the five-week-old miners' strike.

The Government power rationing forces businesses onto a three-day week, while offices, shops and places of entertainment are under a ban against using power for heating.

A spokesman for British Rail said yesterday many rush-hour trains will be cancelled today because of the power shortages and the trains are also included in the ban on heating.

Britain's Trades Union Congress (TUC), which represents 10 million workers in 150 affiliated unions, was urged yesterday to help bring a speedy end to the miners' strike.

The appeal came from the National Union of Public Employees, which, with 380,000 members, is the fifth largest union in the TUC. In a telegram to TUC General Secretary Vic Feather, the union called for an immediate meeting of the Congress to consider what steps the trade union movement can take to bring a speedy and satisfactory settlement to the miners' pay dispute.

Another Cabinet Minister yesterday rejected suggestions that the miners' strike might never have started if the government had made their latest offer of £3 a week before it started.

Employment Minister Robert Carr said: "That is easy to say now. I very much doubt its truth. One of the main troubles here is that the miners' leaders in my opinion have never been really prepared to negotiate."

The suggestion that the strike could have been averted came from mineworkers leader Joe Gormley and was rejected on Saturday by Trade and Industry Minister John Davies.

# 19 bishops consecrated

VATICAN CITY. — Pope Paul VI voiced a strong plea for unity in his dissent-riven church yesterday as he consecrated 19 bishops, including a controversial Dutch conservative.

The new prelates come from 13 countries ranging as far away as Tonga in the South Pacific. Holland's Cardinal Bernard Alfrink shared with the pontiff in the consecration of the prelates, including Bishop Mathias Gijtenbeek of Roermond in the Netherlands. The Pope's appointment of the 39-year-old conservative priest without consulting the Dutch themselves touched off an angry reaction among progressive Catholics in the Netherlands.

Cardinal Alfrink's key role in the consecration mass virtually symbolized the submission to higher authority that Pope Paul spoke of in his address. Dutch newspapermen attending the ceremony said the mood in Holland was "depressed."

One said: "This is considered an affront."

Outside St. Peter's Square, a small group of demonstrators hoisted placards demanding "unity for Ireland."

# Employees steal \$1,300,000 from U.S. federal bank

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters). — Eleven persons have been charged in connection with a theft of \$1.3m. from the Federal Reserve Bank here in old \$100 notes marked for destruction.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced this here on Saturday night, said the 11 had been released on bail of \$10,000 each.

The suspects include both employees and former employees of the bank. The FBI said \$700,000 of the money had been recovered, including \$84,000 found in one suspect's home.

Another \$92,000 was stuffed into a sewer and later found by sewer workers who had hoped they would be allowed to keep it. The FBI, however, has confiscated the money.

# Grenade kills mother and child in Jordan

AMMAN (Reuters). — A woman and her child were killed in a grenade explosion in Salt town, about 30 kilometres north-west of Amman, it was reported here yesterday.

The semi-official Jordanian daily newspaper "Al-Rai" said that the explosion on Saturday, in which another child was injured, was caused by a grenade which the children had picked up from a neighbouring house.

# Lebanese president opens Kuwait talks

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh and Sheikh Sabah al-Salm al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, held their first round of formal talks here yesterday.

The Lebanese President arrived on Saturday for an official three-day visit at the Emir's invitation.

# Brandt will visit Iran

BONN (AFP). — Chancellor Willy Brandt will make a four-day official visit to Iran beginning March 5 to hold conferences with the Shah, informed sources reported yesterday.

Mr. Brandt, who will be accompanied by his wife, is expected to discuss questions of mutual relations as well as East-West political problems, the sources said.

# Laotian plane with 23 missing; hijack feared

VIENTIANE (Reuters). — Officials of a Laotian Airline yesterday speculated that one of its planes missing for two days with 23 persons aboard may have been hijacked while flying from Saigon to Vientiane.

As Laotian, Thai and American planes searched wide areas of north-eastern Thailand and southern Laos, a spokesman for Royal Air Laos said the company had not ruled out the possibility that the plane and its six crew and 17 passengers had been hijacked. The passengers included 16 Vietnamese and one Vietnamese-born Laotian woman.

# Ulster demonstrators quietly turn back

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland. — Four thousand Roman Catholic demonstrators yesterday began another anti-British march toward the demonstrators' march, but quietly turned back when they ran into a police roadblock.

Earlier, the hooded body of a young man shot through the head was found in the village of Clones, 48 kms. to the southwest on the border with the Irish Republic. Police believed he might have been executed by the Irish Republican Army.

The march here coincided with a massive demonstration in Dublin in which an estimated 10,000 people marched to the post office in O'Connell Street to protest the internment without trial of suspected IRA terrorists in Northern Ireland.

The Enniskillen march was led by Frank McManus, a member of the Northern Ireland Parliament. The demonstrators marched through a Catholic housing development with banners denouncing Londonderry's "Bloody Sunday" anti-internment demonstration in which 13 civilians were shot dead.

The original intention had been a march to the town centre, one kilometre away, but police and British Army troops threw a barricade across the road into town.

"This procession is illegal, you are liable to prosecution if you persist," a policeman in a helicopter blared through a loudspeaker at the marchers as they streamed towards the barricade. "We know it is illegal. We ask you to allow us through to the centre of the town," said march leader McManus.

His followers roared cheers. As the echoes died a police inspector among 300 soldiers and police behind the barricade blared back: "We will not let you through."

# China raps U.S. bombing

PEKING (Reuters). — Just six days before the arrival of President Nixon in Peking, China yesterday launched its first attack on the new buildup of American air and naval power in Vietnam, and called the President's eight-point peace plan a fraud.

At the same time called the Cambodian Head of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk arrived in Peking from Peking with assurances that they had nothing to fear from the summit talks starting here on February 21, according to diplomats here.

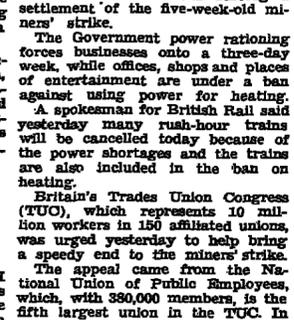
An article issued by the New China News Agency said the U.S. was deploying troops and greatly reinforcing its naval and air forces in Indochina. The report said "U.S. aggressor troops" intended their wanton bombing of South Vietnam and military provocations against North Vietnam.

# 60 dead in Iran blizzards

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Sixty persons have died in north and west Iran during the past four days following record snowfalls, avalanches and blizzards, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Most of the dead had been killed by avalanches and frozen to death in remote mountain areas, the spokesman said.

About 4,000 travellers were trapped by heavy snowfalls on the mountainous Chaharmahal-Baher way last week. Many were pulled out by helicopter while trucks tried to clear the road.



# Russia gets the medals, unknowns take the glory in Winter Olympics

SAPPORO, Japan (Reuters). — The Russians, as expected, finished top nation in the 11th Winter Olympic Games, but the stars were the unknowns who leapt from comparative obscurity to Olympic greatness.

Topping 11 days of upsets was yesterday's slalom win by a 21-year-old Spanish hotel manager, Francisco Fernandez Ochoa, to give Spain its first-ever medal in the winter games.

But on the measurement of most medals won, the Russians were tops. They took eight of the 35 golds at stake, along with five silver and three bronze. East Germany, Switzerland and Holland shared the next three spots in the medals table with four golds apiece.

Holland's performance — doubling its gold haul from all previous Olympics — was due almost entirely to one man, Ard Schenk, the third man in Olympic history to win three speed skating gold medals in one game.

The Russians also had a triple gold medal winner in 29-year-old schoolteacher Galina Koukacova, who dominated the gruelling cross-country skiing events.

But the real excitement was produced by the unexpected gold medal wins and the eclipse of the recognized stars.

Switzerland's Marie-Theres Nadig, a chubby-cheeked 17-year-old student, stunned the Alpine skiing world by winning the downhill and giant slalom races in brilliant style.

Her success robbed Austria's skiing queen Annemarie Preuß — at 18 regarded as the world's best woman Alpine racer — of two almost certain golds. A shocked Miss Preuß instead took home two silvers.

Japan went wild as its ski jumpers grabbed all three places in the 70-metre jump before Emperor Hirohito. Then the nation was plunged into gloom as an unknown Pole, Wojciech Fortuna, leapt to victory in the 90-metre jump.

Another 17-year-old girl, Monika Pfug, a Munich bookbinder, also shocked her illustrious rivals in the 1,000 metres speed skating event by scorching away with the gold.

The games will be remembered as probably the most controversial of the series. Three days before they began, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) barred Austrian ski veteran Karl Schranz from competing on the grounds that he had infringed his amateur status. This denied him the chance of an almost certain gold medal win in his specialty, the downhill. The whole Austrian team threatened to withdraw, but decided to compete after an impassioned appeal from Schranz. French skier Annie Furness was temporarily suspended by the International Ski Federation for a broadcast on the games on Radio Luxembourg, but they later lifted the suspension.

West German ice hockey captain Alois Schloder was suspended by the International Ice Hockey Federation when a urine test after the match against Yugoslavia showed up the stimulant ephedrine. Speed skater Horst Fresse in the West German team was ruled out of the games after a protest by the East German Olympic Committee that he had not fulfilled the three-year residence qualification in the West. He defected from East Germany in 1969.

Final medals table for the 11th Winter Olympic Games which ended yesterday:

| Country        | gold | silver | bronze | total |
|----------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| Soviet Union   | 8    | 5      | 7      | 20    |
| East Germany   | 4    | 3      | 7      | 14    |
| Switzerland    | 4    | 3      | 3      | 10    |
| Holland        | 4    | 3      | 3      | 10    |
| U.S.           | 3    | 3      | 3      | 9     |
| West Germany   | 3    | 3      | 3      | 9     |
| Norway         | 2    | 2      | 2      | 6     |
| Italy          | 2    | 2      | 2      | 6     |
| Austria        | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Sweden         | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Japan          | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Czechoslovakia | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Poland         | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Spain          | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Finland        | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| France         | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| Canada         | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |

Note: Two gold medals were awarded for a tied heat in the two-man bobsled.



# Cambodian bid to regain old temple

PHNOM PENH (Reuters). — Cambodian troops are reported to have launched an assault intended to retake the heart of the Khmer old temples of Angkor in eastern Cambodia to wipe out Communist sanctuaries there, sources said.

Thank, political adviser to Minister Lon Nol, told reporters his troops here yesterday were in the heart of the attack. Prime Minister Sihanouk said: "But the Military Command of the government army, Colonel Au Ren, has confirmed or denied the report of government assault. Two columns were now only 100 metres from the monasteries among the world's greatest — on the southeast and west, Mr. Thank's military said. Fighting was going on in the vicinity of the temples, 200 metres northwest of here. He could give no details of combat."

Mr. Thank said government troops had been ordered to use only pistols and non-explosive weapons in the temple area. The would be halted if the monasteries buildings with their occupants in danger, he added. Mr. Thank government troops would fight for some other military units recapturing the temple city, he said. Communist forces here since June 1970. He did not specify he thought this would be done.

Other military sources reported that two brigades of Cambodian troops were on their way to the nearby town of Siem Reap. The government said last week did not rule out an attack on Communist sanctuaries in Angkor, was absolutely necessary.

In recent weeks about 1,000 Cambodian Communist elements of North Vietnamese regiments reinforced Angkor according to government commanders in Siem Reap. The Communists have also set up a French-led work to press the 200 temples said have been damaged in sharp clashes with Cambodian troops.



# U.S. troops on alert as Tet approaches

SAIGON (Reuters). — The 130,000 American troops in South Vietnam were placed on an indefinite alert last night in anticipation of increased Communist activity over the Tet lunar new-year festivities this week, the U.S. High Command reported.

A command communiqué at the same time reported the highest number of B-52 bomber missions on record inside South Vietnam with 19 waves of the heavy bombers dropping their 30-ton payloads on suspected North Vietnamese and logistical locations near the tri-border area where South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos meet.

An American military spokesman, facing heavy questioning from correspondents about the bombing, considering the low level of war action reported on the ground, said there had been increased activity in the Central Highlands and the far north of South Vietnam. But the South Vietnamese High Command spokesman reported only 20 Communist-initiated incidents in the 24-hour period ending at dawn, well below the peak 82 recorded during last year's presidential election.



# Five bombs at Manila Embassy

MANILA (Reuters). — Four homemade bombs exploded in front of the Indonesian Embassy while a fifth bomb that failed to detonate was found inside the building shortly before President Suharto of Indonesia arrived yesterday on a state visit to the Philippines.

Three windows were shattered in the blasts, police said.

A police spokesman said Embassy guards had reported four explosions inside the mission. The fifth bomb was found on the third floor where it apparently had been thrown. The guards saw seven youths running away from the scene.

A tight security screen has been thrown around the Indonesian leader who flew in yesterday from New Zealand to a warm welcome from thousands of Filipinos — and the feers of about 50 students who stood outside the airport waving placards denouncing him as an "American puppet fascist."

In an address at the Skat Club of Mt. Carmel at its monthly meeting at the Zion Hotel yesterday, the company's director, Alur (Res.) Yohel Bin-Nun, said that the geological research is aimed at discovering oil, gas and minerals, including building sand (silica) the removal of which (now forbidden) leads to shoreline erosion.

Reviewing the work done by the company since its foundation in 1966, Alur Bin-Nun, former I.C. Navy, listed the limnological laboratory on the shore of the Kinareret, employing 20 scientists, the Red Sea research laboratory at Eilat, a joint effort of the Hebrew University and the company, and the lagoon research station at Beer dawil, in Sinai.

The company's central institution now going up on the site of Shikmona, outside Eilat, is to be completed at the end of next year. It is the only one in the eastern and southern coasts of the Mediterranean as far as Algeria. It will search work, in which visiting scientists would have a share, would be of international significance. He warned that research was a long-term effort and that projects needed five or six years to yield results.

One of the features of the Shikmona institute that would be attractive to the public and to tourists would be a marine aquarium with marine flora and fauna, including dolphins, plus a fish restaurant, a fishermen's wharf, a day school and other facilities. A donor from Switzerland had promised \$1m. for the aquarium.

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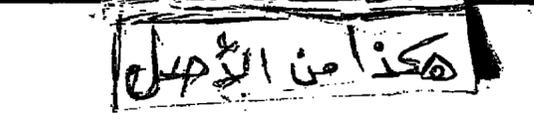
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# Brandt invitation points up Bonn's 'delicate understanding' with Israel

By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**BOONN.** — MEMBER Golda Meir's invitation to Bonn Chancellor Willy Brandt to visit Israel comes at a time when West Germany has assumed a significance for Israel's international position.

Relations between the two countries have gradually improved — trade, youth exchange and high-level visits back and forth — but without setbacks.

There was a brief cooling last August when Bonn appeared to support France's Mid-East border foria, and then there was the disastrous German Culture Week last autumn.

Symptomatic of the continuing changes between Germany and Israel was the confusion over the draft of Mrs. Meir's letter to Mr. Brandt, handed over last Tuesday by Israel's Ambassador, Eliahu Ezer.

The invitation had been expected previously, following press reports that it was imminent. The letter was attributed to the fact that Mrs. Meir wanted approval for a visit by a German Chancellor, in view of strong anti-German sentiment in Israel.

While Mr. Brandt is well-known as an anti-Nazi who fought Hitler in exile in Scandinavia, observers understand this fact alone did not prevent possible anti-Semitism (not anti-Brandt) protests during his visit.

On the first semi-official comment on the invitation, Brandt's Social Democratic Party press service said this week that German-Israeli relations "are of special nature, valuable against the horrible background of incredible suffering on the Jews in the disgraced me of our nation."

### New policies

Under Mr. Brandt, Germany's Social Democratic Party Chancellor, Bonn has forged a new dynamic foreign policy, in Europe — and in the Middle East. The Chancellor, who for years was

lord mayor of the East-West flash-point of West Berlin, has become a key figure in the quest for détente with the Soviet bloc.

He is also seeking — successfully — to restore Bonn's presence in the Arab world by encouraging the governments there to resume the diplomatic ties which most of them severed when West Germany recognized Israel in 1965.

Today, there is a delicate understanding between Bonn and Jerusalem not to let these developments damage relations between the two countries.

In the past, Israel had voiced fears that Bonn's friendliness with the Russians might backfire on Jerusalem's hopes for maximum western support in the Mid-East conflict. Repeated German assurances have reduced these misgivings to a cautious watchfulness.

Similarly, this week, a senior West German official reiterated the standing formula heard that the Israeli government has no "basic" objections to warmer ties between Bonn and the Arabs (as long as the ties aren't at Israel's expense).

This formula, constantly recalled by both West Germans and Israelis, shows just how delicate the understanding is. The same German official admitted there "may be people in the government in Jerusalem" who still have reservations towards Bonn's Arab policies.

Mr. Brandt's visit, the official said, "might help dispel such anxieties."

On this agreed basis, however, West Germany can be of crucial importance to Israel on the international scene, as well as a political source here, make clear this is the main reason for Israel's invitation to Mr. Brandt.

These sources expect Mrs. Meir to quiz the Chancellor in detail about his views of Soviet aims in Europe and the Mid-East.

The Chancellor signed a non-aggression pact with Moscow and Warsaw in 1970 and last autumn met with Soviet Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev in the Crimea for an intensive talk on the future of East-West European détente.

Mr. Brandt will not be coming to Israel before this summer. By then, it is hoped in Bonn, his Eastern travels will have been ratified in Parliament and last December's historic Berlin access agreement will be in effect. He should be able to give the Israelis a broad-ranging perspective of how he sees East-West developments in the future.

### To join U.N.

In the same context, West Germany is preparing, step-by-step, to give up its resistance to international recognition to Communist East Germany, and both states are expected to apply for United Nations membership next year.

Israel will want to hear what role Bonn (and East Berlin) can be expected to play in the U.N., in view of the still unsettled Mid-East conflict.

Informed observers here do not expect that Mr. Brandt will offer, or be asked, to play a mediator's role in the Mid-East quarrel. The Chancellor himself has often publicly voiced reluctance to take such a job.

But in Western Europe and the expanded Common Market, Bonn could be of considerable assistance to Israel, as it has in the past.

Despite Israel's preferential trade agreement with the E.E.C., other Mediterranean and African countries get better treatment. It is ex-

pected Mrs. Meir will ask the German Chancellor to push for vital E.E.C. trade concessions on such prime Israeli exports as citrus fruit, Israeli oranges and grapefruit now get a 40 per cent tariff reduction at E.E.C. borders, compared, for example, with 51 per cent for Moroccan fruit.

Politically, Israel will undoubtedly seek to assure, with Mr. Brandt's aid, that West Europe, which has been striving for a common Mid-East policy, does not map detailed positions interfering in an Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

It was such a position worked out by the "Six" foreign ministers last spring which Israel charged adopted a French-inspired, pro-Arab call for return of Israeli troops to the pre-1967 borders.

The Germans, it appears, have got the message, and have already reacted positively. Mr. Brandt's semi-official party press service wrote this week:

"It is good that in the minds of Israel's leaders the Federal Republic is viewed as a factor with which they cooperate in trust in wide areas."

"Willy Brandt," the article continues, "winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, and his social-liberal coalition are (Israel's) guarantee."

"Israel can depend on the Federal Republic. The proof will come in the difficult questions which effect Israel's relations to the E.E.C."



IT'S WARM OUTSIDE — Two girl soldiers on joy their break in the Jerusalem winter sunshine while they knit stocking caps against the cold — for themselves or their boyfriends. (Barilley)

# Peking playing down expectations on eve of President Nixon's visit

PEKING (ANS). —

ON the eve of the American President's dramatic mission to China, the Chinese capital seems to harbour no great expectations.

The official position of the People's Republic is: "We don't expect much from the Nixon visit." This is reiterated again and again, at various levels of officialdom.

Guests from lesser countries who modestly suggest that they might be distracting their hosts from their surely more important task of preparing for the U.S. leader's arrival are invariably told that "all our guests are accorded the same welcome," implying that, apart from their native graciousness, the Chinese are not straining themselves to treat Mr. Nixon with unprecedented honours.

Anti-American slogans still mingle with those exalting Mao Tse-tung's thoughts and reviling "modern revisionism" on billboards in Peking.

Mr. Nixon would be well advised to restrain his curiosity about some of these billboards with white characters on red backgrounds that are as ubiquitous in China as Coca-Cola signs in the U.S. One, at the edge of Tien An Men square reads: "Peoples of the world, unite and defeat the American aggressors and all their running dogs."

When I suggested to a Foreign Ministry official that it might embarrass Mr. Nixon he shrugged as though to tell Mr. Nixon where he could go. "This slogan expresses our policy — it is unchangeable." And he added, laughing: "I do not think Mr. Nixon will ask us to stop protesting against 'aggressive wars'."

Officials emphasize also that the Nixon visit does not really mean a sudden and startling reversal of Chinese foreign policy. "After all," says one cadre, "we have Geneva and Warsaw for the past 15 years."

But the frequency with which officials tell the visitor this also betrays a certain embarrassment that Peking must feel about the recent contradictions between its



Perhaps it's a good thing Mr. Nixon can't read Chinese; he may be greeted by dancing girls like these, carrying the little red book of the thoughts of Mao, but he will find it difficult to understand posters carrying distinctly anti-American sentiments, such as the one in the background, which appear all over China as often as Coca-Cola signs in the U.S. (Camera Press)

conciliatory deeds and its anti-American words.

Official explanations to the Chinese masses are starkly simple. The people of Canton, for instance, were apparently told only that since Mr. Nixon expressed his wish to come he was invited. I heard no mention of Premier Eisai Sato of Japan, who had several times begged for a similar invitation, so far without result.

The problem that seems to vex Peking the most is Taiwan — how to intensify the diplomatic and economic isolation of the Kuomintang

regime on the island. More than 50 other nations are reportedly poised to drop Taipei and recognize Peking. At the U.N. China has demanded that Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim stop all contacts and assistance to the "Chiang Kai-shek clique" through the development programme of the office of technical cooperation and all related U.N. bodies.

This is an operation as delicate as acupuncture, for the pressure on Taipei must be just enough to induce the Kuomintang to negotiate a settlement with Peking, without driving the Nationalists into the

arms of Japan — which offers an alternative formula in the "Taiwan Independence Movement."

Peking's obsession with preventing the estrangement of Taiwan from becoming institutionalized in separatism is so intense it seems to have alarmed its Indo-China allies. Prince Sihanouk told Agence France-Press in Peking last week that the North Vietnamese, the Vietcong, his own National Union Government and the Pathet Lao are meeting in Hanoi a week after Mr. Nixon's departure from Peking to "draw up a settlement with Peking, without driving the Nationalists into the

ments.

# Bhutto seeks revival of treaty ties

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Pakistan's President, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto wants to revive and strengthen the bilateral defence pact with the U.S. which Washington virtually abandoned in 1967, the "New York Times" said yesterday.

Mr. Bhutto raised the idea of a new military agreement in a two-hour interview with C.L. Sulzberger the "Times's" chief foreign correspondent, at the President's home near Islamabad.

The President emphasised his friendship for both the U.S. and China, the "Times" stated. He said he would be ready to start talks tomorrow aimed at replacing American equipment destroyed during the war with India last December if this would not be an election-year embarrassment to President Nixon.

### Praises U.S.

Mr. Bhutto praised U.S. actions during the war — an obvious reference to the dispatch of an American aircraft carrier and support ships to the Bay of Bengal — and said that this prevented an all-out Indian assault on West Pakistan and the Pakistani-held part of Kashmir, Mr. Sulzberger reported.

"I think that the world and my own people should know that the U.S. in the interests of peace and civilized conduct among states, did put its foot down," Mr. Bhutto said. "If there had been no U.S. intervention, India would have moved hard against Azad Kashmir and also on the southern front in Sind."

The President predicted that no good would come from the closer ties between India and the Soviet Union. "India will lose from its aggression in the long run," he declared. "It has sown the seeds and will reap a bitter harvest in India itself by sponsoring Bangla Desh. You will see that India will lose West Bengal and Assam (two Indian states). "And it is preposterous to think that, in an association with a Great Power like Russia, the Great Power's interests will not prevail," the Pakistani leader continued.

Mr. Bhutto denounced his predecessor, General Yahya Khan, as "a drunken, irresponsible man" and an "Ivan the Terrible."

# Mrs. Gandhi engaged in house-cleaning of Congress Party

By TREVOR DRIEBERG  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — ON the broad tree-lined avenues of New Delhi once peopled by the opulent British bureaucrats of Imperial India there now live members of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Council of Ministers.

Hastings Road, Duplex Road, Safarjung Road, Racecourse Avenue and Willingdon Crescent are usually peaceful, except when groups of demonstrators assemble before a minister's house to shout their grievances under the watchful eyes of chaki-clad policemen armed with bamboo canes.

The sedate calm of these thoroughfares is now upset by the bustle and babble of hundreds of visitors from all parts of India, the members of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party seeking nomination for the state elections to be held in March.

They are dressed in white homespun, the party uniform Mahatma Gandhi decreed four decades ago. Some of them also wear khadi caps and wrap shawls round their shoulders to keep off the chill of New Delhi in winter. They are all in a hurry, and most of them look harassed.

They have good reason to feel insecure. For never perhaps in its long history has the Congress Party been so stirred up as it is today. Mrs. Gandhi has launched a political house-cleaning that makes the big split which brought two Congress parties into being in November 1969 an innocent frolic.

She is completing the drive to root out what is described as "bossism" by her supporters. The bosses are the big wheels in the states who thumb their noses at the "high command" in New Delhi.

### Fallen bosses

In recent weeks several bosses, some of them state chief ministers who helped her in 1969, have fallen from grace. Those who have chosen to go quietly have got governorships. Those who have been elbowed out of office have found themselves in the wilderness, with a bleak, friendless future before them.

Many more heads are expected to roll before the elections to 17 full-fledged states and four centrally administered territories start in early March. And the process is expected to continue after the polls, when some prominent members of Mrs. Gandhi's Cabinet may be shunted out of New Delhi.

The more fortunate ones will become governors, succeeding seven due to retire this year. Four new states have been created in recent months, and four or five more may follow after the elections, ensuring that there will be no shortage of sinecures for discarded politicians.

Mrs. Gandhi's cleanup goes deeper than ousting the bosses. With them many of their close supporters are feeling the sharp edge of her axe. The instruments of her will are the party's provincial and central committees. These have been told to infuse "new blood" into the legislative assemblies in the states. They have three ways of doing this. First, a third of the retiring Congress legislators are denied fresh nominations.

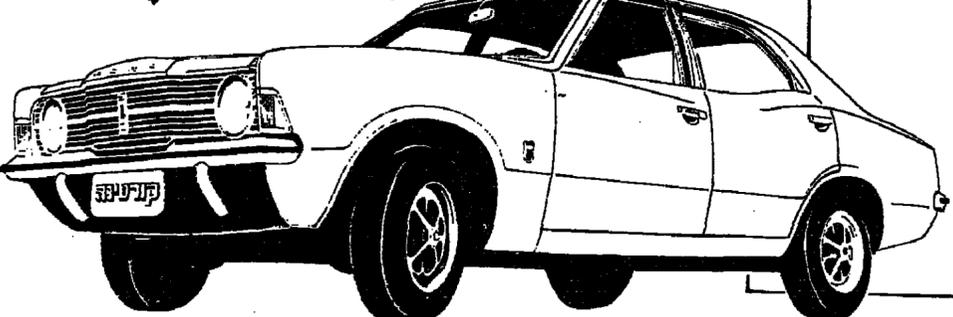
Secondly, legislators over 65 are retired automatically, and so are those who have served three terms running. Thirdly, women, Hindu untouchables and racial and religious minorities — Moslems, Christians

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MEDIATOR IN THE DARK — Lord Wilberforce, 64, who heads the inquiry into the cosminers' dispute, works by candlelight at his London home as an electrical power cut went into effect. (AP radiophoto)

RADIO REFLECTIONS

by LEA LEVAVI

Picking up soldiers... and group dynamics

When will the situation improve? "When there is a war... a war... a war..."

On the Army Channel's programme "The Fifth Wheel," with Shmuel Shal and Elud Graf, the subject discussed last Thursday afternoon was hitch-hiking. Soldiers wait longer and longer for rides, and fewer drivers are willing to stop for them. When were things better? Fight after the war. When will they be better again? The same phrase, with all its frightening implications, kept coming up: when there is a war. At one point, for emphasis, the last two words were repeated several times with echo chambers "a war... a war... a war..."

not lie with the editor or the participants. Maybe I, and other listeners who took the complaints in their stride, are just simply getting too indifferent. Not only are we indifferent to the things which bother others; we are indifferent even to our own interests. For who among us does not complain about tardy buses, noise, bureaucracy or any number of other matters brought up on that programme? Somehow, that horrible phrase kept ringing in my ears: "When there is a war... a war... a war..."

least someone—even if only during working hours—cares. However, a discussion of group therapy for married couples from kibbutzim again raised questions of the kibbutz, too, becoming indifferent? Is that why psychologists have to create artificially, with complicated group dynamics theories, what people used to be able to find for themselves among family and friends? Granted, couples would not thrash out their marriage problems in public the way they would argue out kibbutz business. But the family or neighbour or group used to give people the strength to work out their problems. Now, it seems, only someone with a degree in psychology is considered capable of making us live with ourselves and with others. Besides, what happened to couples in the days before marriage counselling and group therapy? If divorce rate statistics are any indication, they probably managed to stay together somehow. Is this the price we pay for progress?

What annoys me is that whenever I reach a traffic light, it is red; and whenever I go through it a policeman catches me. "As a lawyer, I am annoyed when I spend a week preparing for a trial, carry two valises to court, and then win the case before I can open my mouth."

Later Thursday evening, I turned on the radio again: only to find myself pondering the same question in a different context. Shmuel Shal, again, on his programme "In new in the country" (Second Channel), repeated the charge that Israelis do not do enough to help new immigrants. I am usually one of the few people who dare put some of the blame on the immigrant himself. After all, there are successfully absorbed immigrants who do not need an elaborate organized event to get them together with Israelis. But social integration is not, after all, a one-way street. If the Israeli is not responsive, the immigrant's best efforts are in vain. And there I was back to a variation on the same question: Are we indifferent? If so, why? And what, other than a war, can shake us out of our self-centred complacency?

That last thought prompted an other flash-back. Earlier in the week, on the Army Channel's "New Pages" book review corner (morning disc jockey programme) two books on man and technology were reviewed. Both discounted the theory that machines and industrialization will destroy us. Written by two scientists with humanistic inclinations, both books herald the coming of a new "technological man" who will adapt himself to the rapidly-changing "post-modern era." I can only hope this "technological man" will pick up hitch-hiking soldiers, care about what is going on around him, and recreate family and group dynamics without benefit of a psychology clinic. Or a war.

An interesting portrait of Schubert

MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM: "Schubert-Isak," presented by the Israel Broadcasting Authority. Jerome Barry, baritone, with Simon Sargon as the piano; the New Israel String Quartet; Bracha Eden-Alexander, flutes; Gao-Isak, clarinet; Voice Choir of the Jerusalem Chamber Choir, directed by Avner Itai, with Esther Narkis as the piano; Orna Porat and Ily Goritzky, readings (Israel Museum Auditorium, Jerusalem, February 12). Dances, March, Fantasy for Piano Four-Hands, Klavier (Trocken Klavier), "Die Forelle," "Der Erlkönig," "Der Lindenbaum," etc.; Songs for Male Choir ("La Pastorella," "Gelsa der Liebe," "Ständchen"), readings from reminiscences of contemporaries.



Barry, a newcomer from the U.S. He gave us several beautiful songs which showed his very fine voice and excellent aptitude for Lied. Perfect projection, clear pronunciation and intelligent phrasing brought out their meaning. Simon Sargon was the ideal accompanist mastering the very demanding piano parts with assurance and dedication. Both artists should be heard soon in a programme of their own.

AFTER the splendid programme on Mozart, which kept more or less to autobiographical lines, quoting the composer himself, this programme in the series described Schubert's bohemian way of life and creation through the eyes of his friends. Ada Broditzky and Avi Hanan selected from the mass of material characteristic details which painted the scene in bright, vivid colours and clearly displayed Schubert's lovable personality. The readings were expertly presented by Orna Porat and Ily Goritzky. The piano duo contribute some pleasant, if over-long dances, a March characteristic played with aplomb, and of course, the unavoidable Fantasy in F-minor, which was slightly over-romanticized but heartily received by the audience.

Two pleasant surprises marked this programme. One was the Male Voice Choir, part of the Jerusalem Chamber Choir at the Rubin Academy, whose appearance represents an enjoyable innovation in our programmes. For lack of such an ensemble, a great mass of very lovely music has never before been heard in our concerts, and it is hoped that we will hear more of such music. Avner Itai has formed a fine-sounding and well-balanced group with great possibilities. Soprano Robin Wiesel was the valuable soloist in the "Ständchen"; Esther Narkis was the reliable and skilful accompanist. The other pleasant event was the first appearance of baritone Jerome

YOHANAN BOEHM

Tsavta has a new home

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER TEL AVIV. — Tsavta, the literary and artistic club sponsored by Kibbutz Artzi and Mapam 25 years ago, is moving into its new premises in fashionable Rehov Ben Gvirol. It occupies the 600-square-metre basement in the structure which also houses a supermarket and the Bat-Dor Theatre.

The basement has been adapted, by architects Michael Kuhn and Uri Appenzeller, to seat 400 persons facing an open stage from three sides. The premises also include a clubroom for about 70 people, and a foyer whose walls could be used for exhibitions.

The new premises cost about 11,000, a quarter of which Tsavta paid for the basement. The previous premises of Tsavta were in the basement on an apartment house in Rehov Mapu. Its hall seated only 200 and, moreover, was a nuisance to the neighbours. Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz was helpful in finding the new premises in a commercial building in the vicinity of the city's entertainment centre. Mr. Menahem Simon, director of Tsavta, told the press here yesterday.

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Serbs may prove next problem group for Tito

By NEAL ASCHERSON

BELGRADE (Otna). — NOW that the Croatian crisis seems to be over, with leading Croat nationalists in prison awaiting trial and the local Party leadership replaced, Yugoslavia awaits its next internal agitation.

The Second Conference of the League of Communists, held recently in Belgrade, concluded that the only way for this loosely-articulated federation to hang together and overcome forces agitating for secession must be to emphasize the "all-Yugoslav" nature of the working class. This may be effective in the long term. But in the short term there are plenty of "tribal" pressures working for greater independence from Belgrade, which have little to do with socialist theory.

The most intractable problem of the future seems to be Kosovo, an autonomous region within the republic of Serbia. A poor land which lies next to the Albanian border, its per capita income is reputedly only the equivalent of some \$150 a year — in Slovenia, the richest republic, it is around \$1,150. Long ago, Kosovo was an integral part of the old Serb nation until the great Serbian defeat at the battle of Kosovo Polje in the Middle Ages at the hand of the Turks. Gradually, the Serb population moved north into the hills south of the Tamba which are now central Serbia. In Kosovo, immigrating Albanians because the majority, and today only one-third of the population is of Serb or Montenegrin origin.

But the place remained effectively under Serb control, and especially after World War II and Tito's breach with the Cominform in 1948, Yugoslavia's intense hostility to Albania (which was reciprocated) expressed itself in the tyrannizing of the Albanians within the Yugoslav borders. The ferocity of Alexander Rankovic's secret police against Albanians was notorious, until in 1966 Rankovic was removed as a "great-Serb chauvinist."

Progress too slow

After 1966, the position of the Albanians in Kosovo began to improve. But, even with regional autonomy, progress was not fast enough and there were riots protesting against Serb predominance in party and state jobs and against the Serb minority in Kosovo into counter-violence.

The centre of unrest at present is the University of Pristina, founded in 1970 and already serving 13,000 students. The pace of the university's expansion brought problems: lack of hostel rooms and teaching facilities for students built up pressure which exploded in riots and quarrels over the rival status of Serbs and Albanians.

The last round of trouble at Pristina, in December, coincided with the height of Croatian "separatist" movement and alarmed the Yugoslav leadership in Belgrade. They feared that here another and potentially even more dangerous form of nationalism might be emerging. The Albanians might claim the right to secede or reunite with Albania. The Serb minority, if panicked or genuinely oppressed, might touch off the sleeping forces of nationalism in Serbia itself.



a border which is increasingly easy for those of Albanian origin to cross. The total emancipation of Muslim women in Albania or the larger university hostels in Tirana may impress him more than repressive economic or information policies.

Kosovo is a problem for the future. If it becomes a republic, it will not be like other Yugoslav republics: the majority will be speaking a non-Slav language incomprehensible to Serbs and Croats, and will have been raised alien in cultural and historic traditions. The Serb minority will, very probably, require unique constitutional safeguards for their own political and cultural right. And the dialogue between Tirana and Pristina, the special relationship

relationship with Yugoslavia. It may draw Albanian back into closer relationship with Yugoslavia, which will go on. It may, if Kosovo is mishandled, produce an irredentist movement there, which could produce an international crisis.

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Albanians on the rise

There have been some arrests, mostly of Serbs and Montenegrins, who seem to have led the December skirmishes. The general picture is of the irresistible rise to power of the long-suppressed Albanians. As they gain solid footholds in the political structure, the Albanians are becoming even more dangerous forces of nationalism might be emerging.

Sooner or later, a Kosovo dominated by Albanians is going to demand full republican status on a basis of equality with Macedonia or Croatia. Does this mean that Albania itself will through Kosovo, be exercising influence on Yugoslav internal affairs? So far, in spite of the pitiless ideological enmity between Tirana and Belgrade, Albania has been extremely cautious about exploiting the Kosovo tensions. Although 20 university teachers at Pristina come from across the border, they are imbuing their students with old-fashioned Albanian cultural patriotism, rather than with the ultra-leftist thoughts of Comrade Enver Hoxha and the Albanian road to socialism.

By Western standards, Yugoslavia is a far freer country than Albania. But this is not how an Albanian student at Pristina looks at the situation. He may be basically loyal to the Yugoslav State, but he may have an intense inner bond with the embattled, mysterious little land of his ancestors across the border —

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MUNICIPAL TENDER NO. 19/72 For the Reclamation of the Haifa Western Coast 1. The Israel Lands Administration and the Haifa Municipality hereby call for tenders for the reclamation of the Haifa Western coast, for the development of the reclaimed area and for building thereon. 2. The terms of the call for tenders and the tender forms are obtainable at the main cash desk of the Municipality of Haifa, Room No. 105, Town Hall, every morning from 8.00 to 12.00, against a fee of IL50, which is non-refundable. 3. Additional details and explanations are available upon request at the City Engineer's Office, Room 413, Town Hall, every morning from 8.00 to 12.00. 4. The tender shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for the Reclamation of the Haifa Western Coast" and posted in the tender box in the Accounts Department, Room 321, Town Hall, not later than 12 noon on Thursday, April 6, 1972. 5. The tenders shall be submitted only on the forms attached to the call for tenders. 6. The promoters are not bound to accept any tender. Itzhak Levy M. Fleissman Director, Israel Lands Administration Mayor of Haifa

A symposium on the subject of FOOD PRODUCTION IN ISRAEL offers "EQUAL TIME" to the Blue & White Campaign Food Manufacturers in cooperation with the A.A.G.I. Consumer Service Committee, Tel Aviv Region Participants: Mr. BENJAMIN GIVLI Director-General of "Koor" food divisions and "Shemen" industries Mr. HANNAN LANDAU Assistant Director of the marketing division of "Shekem" Mr. KOLI FRIDSTEIN Manager of "Jaffora Schweppe" MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1972 — Z.O.A. HOUSE — 3 p.m. Questions and answers will follow presentations. Everyone welcome.

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## UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LTD

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1977

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1977

| Capital and Reserves                                 |            | Deposits and Other Accounts |               | Liabilities on Account of Customers |               | Cash in Hand and Balances with Bank of Israel and Banking Institutions |               | Securities  |            | Loans and Other Accounts, less provision for doubtful debts |             | Bank Premises and Equipment, at cost less depreciation |           | Customers for Liabilities on their behalf |            |            |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|-------------|------------|---|-------------|--|-----------|---|------------|------------|
| IL   | 1977 IL    | IL                          | 1977 IL       | IL                                  | 1977 IL       | IL   | 1977 IL       | IL          | 1977 IL    | IL  | 1977 IL     | IL   | 1977 IL   | IL  | 1977 IL    |            |
| Share capital  | 4,800,000  | 4,800,000                   | 84,894,993    | 81,801,291                          | 28,034,147    | 16,074,489   | 449,804,218   | 315,082,224 | 18,568,999 | 15,778,991  | 507,489,051 | 341,032,650  | 5,283,815 | 5,087,411                                 | 61,882,900 | 55,882,004 |
| Premium on shares                                    | 4,470,000  | 4,470,000                   | 289,989,747   | 164,913,344                         | 389,089,378   | 656,591,464  |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
| General reserve and unappropriated balance of profit | 2,817,885  | 2,118,782                   | 209,132,086   | 183,526,941                         | 81,882,900    | 55,882,004   |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
|  | 11,987,885 | 11,388,782                  | 209,132,086   | 183,526,941                         | 1,082,928,541 | 732,640,280  |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
|  |            |                             | 25,034,147    | 16,074,489                          |               |  |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
|  |            |                             | 389,089,378   | 656,591,464                         |               |  |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
|  |            |                             | 81,882,900    | 55,882,004                          |               |  |               |             |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |
|  |            |                             | 1,082,928,541 | 732,640,280                         |               |  | 1,082,928,541 | 732,640,280 |            |   |             |  |           |   |            |            |

| Operating Income   |            | Operating Expenses   |            |
|--|------------|--|------------|
| IL   | 1977 IL    | IL   | 1977 IL    |
| Interest on loans and discounts  | 26,563,928 | Interest on deposits, savings and loans*   | 48,344,688 |
| Interest on deposits with Bank of Israel and banking institutions            | 25,248,083 | Commissions  | 45,099     |
| Interest on Government obligations and debentures approved for investment    | 1,823,140  | Provision for doubtful debts, net  | 794,408    |
| Other income (net) from transactions in securities held for trading purposes | 1,022,065  | Salaries and social benefits   | 11,449,045 |
| Commissions and other income   | 11,133,930 | Occupancy of bank premises, net  | 780,282    |
|  | 67,791,136 | Depreciation on bank premises, equipment and fittings and amortization on leasehold rights | 380,784    |
|  |            | Other expenses   | 4,031,089  |
|  |            |  | 63,825,353 |
|  |            |  | 40,061,123 |
|  |            |  | 3,986,783  |
|  |            |  | 2,283,000  |
|  |            |  | 1,982,783  |
|  |            |  | 88,782     |
|  |            |  | 1,749,585  |
|  |            |  | 1,381,782  |
|  |            |  | 500,000    |
|  |            |  | 780,000    |
|  |            |  | 432,000    |
|  |            |  | 1,882,000  |
|  |            |  | 1,315,000  |
|  |            |  | 67,585     |
|  |            |  | 66,782     |

The notes accompanying this Balance Sheet form an integral part thereof

- E. I. JAPHET, Chairman
- A. KLIER, Director
- M. VERLINSKY, Director
- W. HAUCK, Joint General Manager
- M.M. MAYER, Joint General Manager

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Union Bank of Israel Ltd.

We have examined the balance sheet of Union Bank of Israel Limited as at 31st December 1977 and the statement of profit and loss for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. In our opinion, the said balance sheet and statement of profit and loss present fairly in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles the financial position of the Bank as at 31st December 1977 and the results of its operations for the year then ended. We confirm that, in our opinion the above financial statements have been drawn up in conformity with sections 3 and 4 of the Securities Regulations (Presentation of Financial Statements - 1959) and pursuant to sections 107 and 108 of the Companies Ordinance.

Tel-Aviv, 28th January 1978.

Bonath, Chalkin, Citron & Co. Certified Public Accountants (Isr.)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1977

1. e. The securities are stated as follows:  
 Government obligations and debentures approved for investment:  
 Linked to the consumer price index — at cost plus linkage differences and interest accrued;  
 Linked to the consumer index or not linked, at the holders option — at the higher of the two bases including accrued interest.  
 Other Government obligations and debentures:  
 Quoted —  
 Linked to the consumer price index or to foreign currency — at the lower of cost plus linkage differences and interest accrued or market value.  
 Linked to the consumer price index or not linked, at the holder's option — at the higher of the two bases including accrued interest or at market value, whichever is lower.  
 Not linked — at the lower of cost plus accrued interest or market value.  
 Shares:  
 Quoted —  
 At the lower of cost or market value  
 Unquoted —  
 At or under cost.  
 The method of including linkage differences on securities on the accrual basis, as indicated above, as against a cash basis practiced in past years, has been adopted in conformity with guidelines issued by the Examiner of Banks. As a result, the statement of profit and loss for the year under review includes the income from linkage differences on securities as well as the charges for linkage differences on deposits in connection with the Bank's savings schemes, on an accrual basis.  
 The foregoing changes have had the effect of increasing the operating profit of the Bank for the year under review (before taxes on income) by IL 297,058, of which IL 79,293 relates to preceding years.

|  | IL          | 1977 IL     |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| b. The securities comprise:  |             |             |
| Treasury bills   | 9,884,785   | 6,542,884   |
| Less:- interest accrued  | (115,000)   | (50,000)    |
|  | 9,769,785   | 6,492,884   |
| Government obligations   |             |             |
| Quoted   |             |             |
| Approved for investment (market value IL 4,751,030; 1977 - IL 986,575)   | 5,126,393   | 1,018,403   |
| Other (market value IL 488,971; 1977 - IL 545,245)                       | 488,971     | 545,245     |
| Less:- interest and linkage difference accrued                           | (1,580,801) | (230,205)   |
|  | 4,014,463   | 1,333,443   |
| Unquoted   |             |             |
| Approved for investment  | 3,115,872   | 6,729,509   |
| Other  | —           | 207,824     |
| Less:- interest and linkage differences accrued                          | (282,841)   | (1,182,489) |
|  | 2,833,031   | 5,744,844   |
| Debentures   |             |             |
| Quoted   |             |             |
| Approved for investment (market value IL 2,501,874; 1977 - IL 2,182,462) | 2,647,106   | 2,184,421   |
| Other (market value IL 70,909; 1977 - IL 129,388)                        | 70,909      | 129,388     |
| Less:- interest and linkage difference accrued                           | (874,984)   | (421,580)   |
|  | 1,842,751   | 1,902,259   |
| Shares   |             |             |
| Quoted (Market value IL 59,715; 1977 - IL 26,336)                        | 59,715      | 26,336      |
| Unquoted   |             |             |
| Subsidiary companies   | 218,900     | 218,900     |
| Other  | 57,894      | 57,895      |
|  | 276,104     | 276,105     |
| Total, per balance sheet   | 15,986,899  | 15,775,891  |

2. Loans and other accounts, less provision for doubtful debts comprise:

|  | IL          | 1977 IL     |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Loans and bills discounted                             | 284,701,528 | 154,904,335 |
| Loans out of funds deposited for the granting of loans | 224,124,105 | 174,319,804 |
| Other accounts   | 18,833,418  | 11,808,711  |
| Total  | 507,489,051 | 341,032,850 |

3. The item "Bank premises and equipment" includes fittings and leasehold rights.

4. Liabilities on account of customers and the corresponding customers' liabilities comprise:

|                                  | IL         | 1977 IL    |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Acceptances                      | 19,818,928 | 14,909,000 |
| Documentary credits              | 24,825,527 | 11,505,448 |
| Guarantees and other liabilities | 37,838,147 | 29,247,558 |
| Total                            | 81,882,600 | 55,882,004 |

5. The Share capital comprise:

|                                  | Authorized IL | Issued, fully paid und converted into stock IL | 1977 IL   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------|
| Ordinary shares of IL 1 each     | 5,400,000     | 4,200,000                                      | 4,200,000 |
| "A" Ordinary shares of IL 1 each | 600,000       | 600,000  | 600,000   |
| Total                            | 6,000,000     | 4,800,000                                      | 4,800,000 |

6. The item "Deposits and Loans from banking institutions for the granting of loans" includes amounts received from Bank of Israel in connection with the funds for financing of exports; amounts deposited with Bank of Israel in accordance with the conditions of the funds for financing of export shipments are included in the item "Cash in hand, balances with Bank of Israel and banking institutions"

7. Balances relating to subsidiary companies are included in the balance sheet in the following items —

|                             | IL      | 1977 IL |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Assets                      |         |         |
| Loans and other accounts    | 16,083  | 169,086 |
| Liabilities                 |         |         |
| Deposits and other accounts | 221,785 | 830,754 |

8. The Bank's commitments for staff severance pay and for the payment of pension to certain employees, as actuarially computed, amount to IL 8,341,000 (1977 — IL 7,558,000). These commitments are fully covered by funds accumulated with an approved severance pay fund and by provisions, after taking into account the tax savings which will arise upon payments out of these provisions. The amounts accumulated with the approved severance pay fund are included in "Other Accounts" on both sides of the balance sheet.

9. There are the following commitments and contingent liabilities in respect of:  
 a) Forward contracts for the sale and purchase of foreign currencies in the amount of IL 58,137,831 (1977 — IL 38,211,230). These contracts are covered by compensating contracts for corresponding amounts and dates.  
 b) Purchase of premises in the amount of IL 250,000.  
 c) Guarantees given to the members of a severance pay fund, which is managed by the Bank, for the due repayment of the principal sums deposited by the members in the said fund. The value of the assets of the fund, at balance sheet date, is considerably in excess of the amounts guaranteed by the Bank.

10. Assets and liabilities in foreign currency, other than securities, are stated at the official rates of exchange on balance sheet date (the official rate of exchange on 31st December 1977 was \$ 1 = IL 4.20 and on 31st December 1976 \$ 1 = IL 3.50).

11. Final assessments for taxes on income have been received by the Bank for the years up to and including 1986.

12. Statement pursuant to section 107 (5) of the Companies Ordinance: The profits of the subsidiary companies have not been included in these Accounts.

Interest and linkage differences accrued on the above securities have been included under assets in the item "Other Accounts".

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PICKING A PLACE TO LIVE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... A short while ago, I read in your paper the view of a Russian immigrant that the Russian city was the only truly Zionist immigration.

Now, I read, in the centrefold of the weekend magazine of January 28, the touching story of a Russian family of five, forced to live in the "wilderness" of Arad, a family not made up of villagers, but a "cultured family" from a house in "Chernovitz, warm and comfortable."

TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN TEL AVIV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Death on the highways and in our streets continues to be the sad unhappy story that plagues Israel today. Some, perhaps many, of the accidents could be avoided but, unfortunately, there just isn't enough interest shown by the people who could and should care.

A notorious example of terror let loose is experienced daily at the junction of Tel Aviv's Nordau Boulevard and Dizengoff. Private cars, roaring buses, huge speeding trucks come shooting from all directions most of the day, but especially at early morning. Children going to the nearby schools and the elderly persons who live in the vicinity dash across this dangerous section at their peril.

The Tel Aviv Municipality replies: Traffic lights are installed at crossroads in Tel Aviv according to professional advice and a scale of priorities. The intersection at Dizengoff and Nordau is on our list of spots which will get traffic lights within a few months.

AMERICAN JEWISH SUPPORT FOR DAYAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Reading your issue of February 8, I came across a letter which grieves me a great deal, as a tourist from the States, I believe some of your politicians are being misled by Moshe Dayan, whom I see so proud of together with 99.9 per cent of the Jewish population of the States.

PHILIP GOLD Netanya, February 8.

Building vs. beauty

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Permit me, as a tax-paying public-spirited Jerusalemite, to add my voice to those who protest and condemn the bulldozing of Jerusalem. A citizen who regards our capital as the most beautiful and inspiring in the world, we heartily resent the fact that we are not allowed any say by Government or Municipality in determining its future development.

many old people, has begged for a little synagogue, even a suitable but to pray in, but the authorities continue to turn a deaf ear. The Mayor assured me personally that "if I bring the first E.70,000 he will build me a \$250,000 synagogue."

DAVID HERMAN Jerusalem, February 1.

Charting problems

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... In order to fully appreciate something, many people must first see it graphically; words alone seem too abstract and their meaning gets lost.

problems we have so the politicians and the people can see what is happening. We can chart the number of years until Lake Kinneret is no longer useful, the amount of time we can continue to draw oil from the ground, the projected number of deaths on the highways if we have them continue to increase at the present rate, the projected rate for criminal offenses, and other such problems that are heading the nation and the world in general down the path of destruction.

JOSEPH FOGEL Netanya, February 6.

Railways station at Ramle

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... As a resident of Ramle, may I make the following suggestion to the Railway authorities. The population of Ramle is increasing rapidly, and for the sake of their convenience, it would be a good idea to move the present railway station, which is on the outskirts, to just near the Central Bus Station.

Israel Railways replies: Your correspondent's proposal is not feasible, since there is no free land available for the construction of the additional loop required for crossings at the site proposed for a new railway station behind the existing bus station.

SIMON DAVID Ramle, January 6.

The mitzva of living Israel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... One frequently hears that it is easier to be a religious Jew in the U.S. than in Israel. For example, Rabbi David Weingarten recently published a full-page open letter in The Jerusalem Post (January 21) in which he complained that Jews are being fined for refusing to work on the Sabbath, whereas these same Jews would supposedly be able to find work abroad which does not involve the violation of the Sabbath.

Living in Israel is a religious duty incumbent upon every Jew who has the ability to live here, whether he has visited Israel or not. It is one of the most important commandments of the Torah. One who can live here, but does not, is, by definition, not fully religious, no matter how long he stands in prayer. One can fulfill the Mitzva of living in Israel only in Israel.

SANFORD ARANOFF BeerSheva, January 31.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY VIRGIN IN GETHSEMANE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... In your report of February 7, "Floods, power failures follow drenching rain," you refer to the flood in the church of the Holy Virgin in Gethsemane and you mention that this church is a Greek Orthodox church.

KIND BUS DRIVER To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... About three weeks ago, I took a bus No. 88 from Motzkin to the police station at Kiryat Elzim. Since I have very poor eye sight, I asked the passenger next to me to help me cross the road to Kiryat Elzim. The driver overheard this and although the bus was crowded, he got off and accompanied me to the other side of the road.

PAULINA MITTELMANN Kiryat Elzim, February 1.

CLEFT PALATE CENTRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... We, with many interested young Haifa correspondents (December 28) with regard to the activities of the Rambam Government Hospital's Cleft Palate Centre, but are obliged to query his statement that "the Rambam Hospital maintains the country's only centre of this kind."

In fact, as far back as May 1958, an inter-disciplinary team to deal with these problems was created at the Hadassah University Hospital and Thelma Hospital in Jerusalem under a "Diagnostic and Treatment Centre for Congenital Cranio-Facial Malformations" was established.

The Hadassah special cleft lip and palate team consists of orthodontists, plastic surgeons, geneticists, pediatricians, pedodontists, surgical prosthodontists, speech therapists, psychiatric social workers and specially trained nurses. All children born with cleft palates in Jerusalem and its surroundings are treated by the team, which may commence its work even when the infant is but a few days old and early orthodontic treatment is given in preparation for plastic surgery.

LUIGIEN HARRIS, Director Information Services Jerusalem, January 18.

The E.M. Seifin Centre for Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery of Rambam Government Hospital replies: For years, since the creation of the State, cleft palate cases were treated in all the hospitals where such babies were born, by teams of specialists as mentioned in the letter. This is true even for small hospitals providing they have a plastic surgeon. Other specialists were either available in the same hospital or called from the outside.

A centre is a physical and administrative entity dedicated to one purpose only — to concentrate in one area all the various skills needed for the comprehensive care of a particular problem. This brings all the specialists into the same physical layout. The services of all these specialists are concentrated.

3. Today all over the world centers are being created for coronary care, burns, speech and hearing disorders etc. They do not detract from the normal care given to the same cases beforehand.

WASHING ON BALCONIES To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... I was delighted to see in the Jerusalem Post of January 17 that Mayor Israel Peled of Ramat Gan has been successful in having a municipal by-law passed banning the hanging of laundry on front balconies in that city.

DE. D. GUTMAN Haifa, January 31.

Among the many Israelis who will congratulate Mr. Peled on this step will surely be Mr. Mayor Weizal, Chairman of the Jewish Anniversary Committee of the State of Israel, in 1958, he had entrusted me to serve on that committee and to be in charge of the beautification of the country. The removal of washing from front balconies was then one of the things we tried to accomplish — but, in spite of Mr. Weizal's repeated attempts, we were not successful in convincing the authorities to pass and enforce the necessary laws.

TOURIST SERVICE To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... According to Ray Noam's letter (December 31) no reliable information about Israel is being made available to tourists.

Voluntary Tourist Service TONY MOEGENSTEIN National Chairman Voluntary Tourist Service Tel Aviv, January 10.

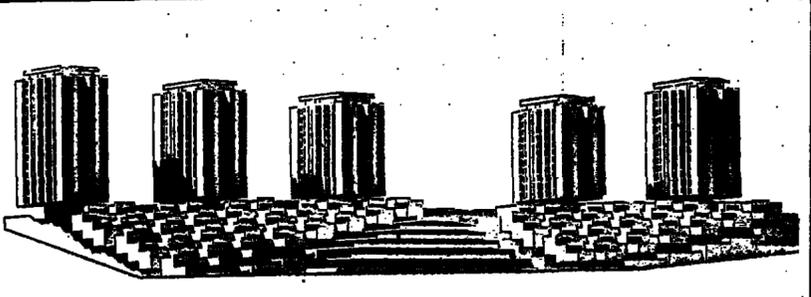
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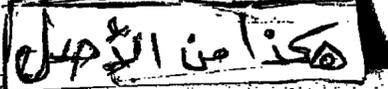
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Netivei Neft Inquiry - 14th week

Motty takes the stand

By HIRSH GOODMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mordechai Friedman, general manager of Neftei Neft, appeared before the Witkon Commission of Inquiry yesterday to give his version of what went on at the Government-owned oil fields at Abu Rudeis.

action at the Abu Rudeis fields has rocketed by 20 per cent, and at present there are 20 off-shore wells and over 100 land wells pumping oil day and night. As opposed to the Egyptian days, when 2,400 people were employed, Neftei Neft has 511 employees, 59 of whom are desk-bound in Tel Aviv, the rest operating the fields, which stretch over an area of over 50 square kilometres along the shore of the Gulf of Suez.

Mr. Friedman, dressed in a neat dark-grey suit, proved a confident and able witness with hundreds of facts stored in his mind and ready to hand. What he could not remember came out of a thick black file divided into 12 chapters. A copy of the file was presented to each Commission member, thus speeding up the proceedings somewhat, but it is not expected that Mr. Friedman will complete his evidence before the end of the week at the very earliest.

Yesterday Mr. Friedman did not have to face cross-examination by any of the lawyers representing various sides at the hearing. But he was asked by Mr. Yitzhak Salmán, his attorney, and between the two of them they produced an affidavit, a document which Mr. Friedman was moved to point out that it is all very well hearing about the good things, but that's not exactly what we were appointed for.

Mr. Friedman has been accused of many things, but yesterday he hardly had time to get into the nuts and bolts of the matter. The sale of his private oil company, Comental, to Midbar, a foreign prospecting company, at the same time as he was the Government negotiator with that company was not mentioned. Neither was the case of the elusive \$97,698, nor alleged talks from Abu Rudeis. His evidence yesterday hardly touched on the actual charges laid against Neftei Neft and him personally. But under questioning from the three Commission members, Mr. Friedman found himself having to answer on alleged shortcomings under his management.

Job to produce oil

Why were the stores at the fields in a state of drastic disorder last March 1971, Mr. Avraham Kalir wanted to know. Mr. Friedman said that when he took over the fields he had one priority - to produce oil. Nobody knew for how long the fields would remain in Israel's possession, he said, and nobody was really qualified to take over an oil field, which even by international standards is considered a large one.

Currently Neftei Neft was spending IL2m a year on keeping its stores classified and registered, and Mr. Friedman said that he thought even this was too much.

Throughout his testimony yesterday he asked the Commission members to remember under what conditions he and his team were asked to operate. Abu Rudeis is 600 kilometres from Tel Aviv, and the logistical problems encountered were immense, he said. Not only was production difficult, but shipping and marketing the fuel produced was also enough to tax even the most able of people.

The only route of supply was via Eilat and until 1970, when the 42-inch Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline was built, a maximum of only five million tons of oil per year could be pumped to Haifa for refining and local use. To get the oil from Abu Rodeis to Eilat was another major problem, since sailing down the Gulf of Suez shortly after the war, and during the war of attrition, was no joy ride he said. The oil fields themselves were left partially ravaged by the war, and not only had the off-shore wells been closed but also the storage farm and central stores had been partially destroyed by fire. It was under these conditions that Mr. Friedman and Mr. David Kinnai were asked to operate the fields, and it was under these conditions, he said, that they managed to build Israel's most profitable company.

"And this is the man they have accused," said Mr. Salomon, not without a tone of drama in his voice.

Had ordered order

But Mr. Kalir was not happy, or so it seemed, with Mr. Friedman's somewhat aloof attitude towards the stores at Abu Rodeis. He questioned the witness for some time and wanted to know why it had taken three and a half years for some measure of order to be instituted in the company's stores. He noted that Mr. Mordechai Peles, the present company secretary, had managed to achieve in seven months what others before him had failed to do in six times that period. Mr. Friedman could only answer that he had given orders that the stores be organized, and that the field foremen who had been issued the orders had given him favourable reports that they were progressing.

Justice Witkon, the Commission chairman, for his part wanted to

know why no administrative manager had been appointed to the company, a common practice, he said, in most other firms. Mr. Friedman, an oil man since the early 1950s, could have devoted himself entirely to production, while the administrative manager could have concentrated on getting the stores and books organized. Justice Witkon said, Mr. Friedman told the Justice that this was the idea when Mr. Kinnai was taken on, but it was not the way that things worked out in the end.

Mr. Friedman, who holds a M.Sc. from the University of California, told the Commission that he had never been interested in becoming a civil servant, adding that when he was asked to go down and report on the state of affairs at the former Egyptian fields in June 1967 he thought his task would end with the submission of the report. This was handed over towards the end of June, but, according to Mr. Friedman, he was asked to stay on to be the then Petroleum Commissioner and Accountant-General, Mr. Dov-Ben Dvir.

It was a challenge

The only reason he stayed on at Neftei Neft, he said, was because of the challenge. He said, he said, Israel had imported 95 per cent of its energy at an annual cost of around \$50m. to the State. Here was a golden opportunity, he said, of which he wanted to be part.

He had no hand in the registering of the company, he said, and added that every decision taken at the fields was their take, with the express knowledge and approval of the Government officials in charge of oil, first Mr. Ben-Dror, and from late 1967, Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein. "I am not the man who appointed me, nor the man who gave myself any responsibility," he said.

With regard to the flow of information from Neftei Neft to the official bodies which were supposed to receive them, Mr. Friedman claimed that at no stage was he told that this information was also supposed to go to the Government's Corporations' Authority, and said that had he been asked for such information, he would have given it gladly.

One of the major charges levelled against the company and Mr. Friedman, that information was knowingly withheld from the people who should have received it, and that such use was made of the excuse of secrecy to hide essential facts from those who were supposed to keep track of Neftei Neft's affairs.

Mr. Yacov Salmán, Director of the Corporations' Authority had met him on several occasions, he said, and never had the question of information - or the lack of it - been discussed. (Mr. Salmán said when he testified in December that at least 70 such requests were made.)

Mr. Friedman said that all his company's actions were done in consultation with two people - the man in charge of oil, and the Accountant-General, Mr. Ben-Dror. Both these posts before he was replaced by Dr. Dinstein. Had he been asked to cooperate with other bodies this would have been done without the slightest hesitation, he said.

Geologists thrown out

With regard to the abuse of secrecy by Neftei Neft for keeping "competitors" away from the fields, Mr. Friedman was questioned as to the manner in which several Development Ministry geologists had been forcibly evicted from the company's grounds. Mr. Eli Zohar - a geologist - told the Commission a few weeks ago that he and several colleagues had been shunted off the fields by Mr. Friedman personally in a "very undignified manner" and for no apparent reason, when they camped there while conducting a geological survey in the area.

Mr. Friedman admitted that he had ejected the geologists from Neftei Neft's property, but claimed that he was justified in doing this. The place was swarming with "tourists" he said, who caused untold damage to sites in Sinai shortly after the war when wanton destruction was almost a social norm. Since the fields were spread over many miles, he said, in order to keep what equipment was left lying around intact, all strangers were ordered off the premises. Also the first tanker had been due to arrive to load oil on the day they were there, he said, and top secrecy was imperative. He said that the geologists were only thrown out after they refused several requests to leave by Mr. Friedman's subordinates. "My job was to get the fields operating, not to be the perfect host," he said.

He denied that the geologists had been sent packing with no food, water or transport, and could not understand why this was even being discussed by the Commission at all. He said that it was his right and duty to behave in the way he did in order to get the company functioning and to protect its interests.



Mordechai Friedman prepares to present his case to the Neftei Neft inquiry commission yesterday.

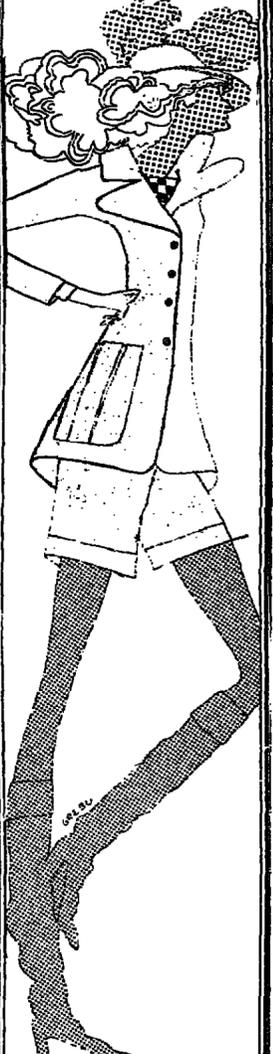
Despite the fact that the number of men employed by Neftei Neft was only one-third of the number employed by the Egyptians, he said, the Israeli company payroll was just as high, if not more, than the Egyptians had to pay. There were problems he said, with regard to finding qualified manpower at the higher levels to run the fields, and though it was policy to employ the maximum number of Israelis, it was not always possible.

There is only one qualified oil production engineer in the country, and he could not be used since he did not have the management qualities which are just as imperative as technical knowledge, Mr. Friedman said. As a result foreign experts had to be hired - an expensive business which can cost up to \$250 per day per expert. Even an Israeli expert was expensive, he said. Arge Rivlin, the production engineer, had been offered alternative employment at Abu Rodeis at IL250 per day, he said.

Mr. Friedman's wife, Tsivia, and oldest daughter, Semadar, were in the courtroom yesterday. Mr. Friedman, 45, has four daughters and a son.

Mr. Friedman is to continue his testimony tomorrow.

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Arkia to get Canada-made Twin Otter

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter
ARKIA - Arkia intends to purchase two "Twin Otter" twin-engine aircraft by Canadian manufacturer The de Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd. It could not be determined whether the company will buy the planes outright - at about \$225,000 apiece, or lease them in principle.

The two aircraft appear to have been taken to the factory in Ontario, Canada, for final assembly and testing. In addition to its regular scheduled services, Arkia is now operating a charter service to the West Coast of the United States. The service is being operated by a Boeing 707-320 aircraft, and should not have any difficulties in landing at the Los Angeles International Airport, or at other airports in California, such as San Francisco and Santa Ana.

The Otter has a reputation as a rugged and dependable aircraft. Its performance includes a high cruise speed of 200 knots and a range of 700 miles, plus a take-off and landing range of 1,100 feet. The plane is manufactured by the Canadian company of Canada.

It is understood that the decision to purchase two Twin Otters will not interfere with Arkia's decision to purchase two Arava planes manufactured by the Israel Aircraft Industry, or the Arava about \$75,000 more expensive than the Otter. On the other hand, it will be no need for Arkia to set up an expensive spare parts department, which would otherwise have to be maintained. All these planes are available at the neighbouring manufacturing plant at Lod.

Arkia is to receive two of the planes off the Israel Aircraft Industry production line, but the first will first have to be certified by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Ministry seeks block sale of immigrant flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Ministry of Housing and Construction is leading intensive negotiations with the Housing Ministry to acquire a block of immigrant flats. The flats were built in the early 1960s and are now being sold to the Ministry at a 100 per cent profit.

The Ministry's spokesman pointed out yesterday that the sale was not the result of a decision taken last September 1968. His grant privileges provided him with the option to purchase the apartments within three years at the prevailing market price of 120,000, which he paid when he bought the apartments last year. A week later he sold it at the current market price of 240,000. The Ministry spokesman said that the legal adviser was working on ways to change regulations regarding immigrant privilege to prevent similar activity in the future.

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Local insurance firms seen source of investment capital

By YAACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA - The country's insurance companies are a factor of growing weight in investments and a potential source of foreign exchange income.

In a lecture to members of the Management Centre and Insurance Executives at the Shulamit Hotel on Tuesday, Mr. Avraham Ramon Taber, director of the Zion Tehuda Company, said that in 1970 the total income from insurance premiums was IL477m. (with a substantial rise last year for which no figures are yet available), and that the companies had settled claims for IL255m.

Thus 55 per cent of the income has flowed back to the public. This figure should dispose of the impression that insurance companies are evading claims," Mr. Taber said.

Life insurance companies had earned a total of IL124m. in 1970 and paid out IL127m. of claims of all types, or 93 per cent. The balance was accumulating in funds which would serve to meet the companies' long term obligations to the insured. The companies were beginning to earn money abroad, through overseas branches and reinsurance. In 1970, foreign business had totalled IL45m. and in Mr. Taber's estimate the 1971 figure was about 50 per cent higher. This is a potential source of foreign exchange earnings. Britain was earning £350m. a year from insurance," Mr. Taber said.

The capital resources and free funds of the insurance companies amounted to IL650m., of which they had invested IL550m. in the economy, or 81.7 per cent. The bulk of the investment was in Government securities: IL255m., over 41 per cent. The sum of IL54m. was loaned back to the insured and IL12m. was invested in shares and debentures traded on the stock exchange, a figure that could be expected to grow. The companies were under severe restrictions with regard to investments; the maximum loan on a building was up to 40 per cent of its value, and other loans could be made only against bank guarantees. Life insurance companies had to invest all their free funds in Government or Electric Corporation debentures.

"I believe that at least 15 per cent of these funds ought to be left to the insurance companies to be invested as they see fit," Mr. Taber said. In 1970, IL990m. of life insurance funds had been invested and IL450m. last year, all linked to the cost of living index, which enabled the companies in turn to offer linked policies, "a feature unique to Israel and an object of wonder in the insurance world." The net disposable funds of the life insurance companies advanced by IL70m. last year and would soon go up to IL100m. as the population was growing more insurance-conscious.

Taber took issue with a recommendation of the Asher Committee on tax reform to tax 70 per cent of provident fund payments, the tax to be spaced over 10 years. "The situation today is: premiums paid into the funds by insured and employers and payments by the fund to the insured are both tax-exempt. If the latter are taxed, the public won't understand it and will turn away from this form of saving... the economy will lose an important form of capital formation, the very publicisation of the recommendation has already caused harm. I hope that the Treasury will understand the consequences better," Mr. Taber said.

Black Panthers fined for Zion Sq. melee

Three Black Panthers, arrested during a demonstration in downtown Jerusalem last August, were fined 100,000 each, and sentenced to three months in prison - suspended for three years - in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, for behaviour likely to lead to a riot.

EL Aviner, 22, Charlie Bilon, 23, and Saadia Marciann, 22, had been charged with assaulting police officers, disorderly behaviour in a public place and unlawful assembly.

In handing down the sentence, Judge Eliezer Goldberg conceded that the defendants had left the scene before the officers were assaulted but he held that their conduct had contributed directly to it. They had no justification for deviating from the demonstration route laid down in the permit, nor for behaving in such an unrestrained manner in Zion Square, the judge said.

Rate cuts asked for the elderly

TEL AVIV - The Mayors of Givatayim, Herzliya and Kiryat Saba have asked the Union of Local Authorities to accept their proposal to award local rates reductions to elderly people with low incomes.

The three Mayors say that the rates collected from elderly citizens should be proportional to their real income. At present the only consideration in determining the local tax rates is the size and location of the flat. The mayors state that their proposal would "right a social wrong that has so far received no attention."

65% of housing owned by occupants

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Sixty-five per cent of the 440,000 houses and apartments in Israel are owned by the occupants, according to a survey by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Some 87,000 apartments, or 12 per cent, are held under key money and thus have protected rents. The remaining 33 per cent are rented either through Amidan, the Government housing corporation, or from private owners.

The survey also revealed that almost 10 per cent of apartments were still without either a bath or shower. One-third of these houses were built since the establishment of the State.

Line bolt State List to back Avizohar

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
AVIV - Nine of the leading members of the State List have set up a committee to back Dr. Meir Avizohar, who has become an independent M.K. All nine have left the State List, and include candidates in the 1969 elections.

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Moshav Kfar Yehzekel, Avitar Berg of Kibbutz Dvora, Yoav Lavi of Kibbutz Nahal Oz and Messrs. Reuven Adivi (who was chairman of the State List Electoral Platform Committee), Aharon El-Nir, Rafi Levit and Gad Kornfeld.

Observers noted that quite a number of Dr. Avizohar's supporters speak of joining the Labour Party as an organized group. Unlike Dr. Avizohar, they will not wait until the end of the present Knesset's term to join the Labour Party.

The State List spokesman Saturday night criticized the Avizohar group for "having abandoned the State List's opposition to the present regime. They have done untold harm to the country's moral atmosphere and only help sow despair in voter's hearts," he said.

It is expected that by the time of the 1973 elections, the State List will have disintegrated and Mr. Yigal Hurwitz M.K. will join Gahal, while Mr. Isser Harel M.K. is expected to retire from politics. Mr. Zalman Shoval M.K., apparently still undecided.

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Health Min. workers may go on strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Representatives of the Works Council of the Ministry of Health in Jerusalem met the Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. Yaacov Nitzan, yesterday in an effort to avert a threatened strike of 300 workers tomorrow.

If the demands are not met by then, the spokesman of the Jerusalem Labour Council said yesterday, the Jerusalem workers will declare a general strike.

The Health Ministry workers claim that they have not been given the same grade rises as workers in exactly the same administrative, clerical and service jobs in other parts of the country.

Most of those who have received grade rises, which vary between IL400-IL200, are in hospitals and they went on strike several months ago with serious results. The Jerusalem employees claim that they have not been given similar grade rises because a strike threat from an office is less effective than that from a hospital.

The workers enjoy full support of the Histadrut and the Jerusalem Labour Council. A senior Ministry official also told The Jerusalem Post that the Ministry "supports the workers in principle."

Health Minister Victor Shermov is in a particularly delicate position both as a Mapam Minister and a long-time former chairman of the Jerusalem Labour Council and seems to be sitting rather awkwardly between the workers and the Civil Service Commission. The workers are scheduled to have another meeting with Nitzan this morning.

Guide to postal code system out

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
The Ministry of Communications yesterday distributed a 48-page guide to the Mikud postal code systems which is being introduced to Israel. The guide contains a complete list of the code numbers for every street in the country. Settlements and small villages each have a single code. The guide was distributed with yesterday's 'Ma'ariv' newspaper, and shortly will also be distributed with the other afternoon paper, 'Yediot Ahronot.' Copies of the guide will also be available at all post offices.

The Ministry spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night that they will shortly go over to sorting by the codes, and from that time on postal items with the code marked on them will be given preference over items which only have the postal address.

The public has shown wide interest since the information drive about the Mikud was started six months ago, he noted. All Government offices use the code in their correspondence, and many business enterprises have specifically asked for information about the system in order to introduce it at the earliest possible time. The telephone information service in Tel Aviv was flooded with enquiries when it was started, and immediately the number of lines available had to

be multiplied to cope with the pressure. At the same time, he pointed out that the Ministry is not expecting the public to embrace the system immediately. "It took between two and three years before the systems were fully accepted when postal codes were introduced in European countries, and we can hardly expect it to go any quicker here. However, we hope that people will make use of it when they realize that the code does ensure faster delivery," he said.

The Post Office was forced to introduce a postal code system because of the sharp rise in the number of mail items being handled daily. Over a million letters alone go through the post offices daily.

There is also the need to introduce mechanization to replace hard-to-get sorters. Within a few years sorting will be done by electro-optical scanners which is much faster than hand-sorting, and will help eliminate one of the main bottlenecks in the postal delivery service.

The five-number Israel Mikud is the only one in the world which requires a single sorting operation, compared to two sortings of the postal code. The Post Office also promises that the numbers will not be changed for at least 10 to 15 years, despite the rapid growth in the country.

Mrs. Meir at home with cold

Prime Minister Golda Meir did not preside at yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting, being confined at home with a slight cold. Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro took the session at the fairly brief two-hour session. Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, who would normally have presided, was still away on a three-week holiday. Mrs. Meir returns to work today. She is due to address a gathering tonight of the faculty of the Hebrew University's Social Sciences Department, which was postponed from last week because of the Jerusalem blizzard.

(A source in the Prime Minister's Office said that the Social Sciences gathering was a periodic affair, and had nothing to do with the various letters which passed between the Prime Minister and groups of professors at the universities in recent weeks about foreign policy issues and Israeli feasibility in negotiations.)

MIRAGE PACT THIS WEEK

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The agreement with France on the repayment of the money paid by Israel for the embargoed Mirage jets is expected to be signed in Paris this week.

The Cabinet yesterday authorized the Ambassador to France to conclude the negotiations. This followed reports on the talks by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Deputy Defence Minister Zvi Tsur and Accountant General Haim Shlessel. There was no opposition in the Cabinet to the principles embodied in the draft agreement reached in the Paris negotiations. Unofficial reports have said that France will pay Israel \$75m. for the 50 planes, including interest.

Norway official ends visit

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The global significance of the Soviet involvement in the Middle East was among the topics discussed in Israel by the Norwegian Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg, during a four-day stay which ended last night.

Norway's accession to the European Common Market and the effort to reach an agreement on Israel trade were also discussed. Mr. Stoltenberg was accompanied by his wife and three children, and Norwegian officials. He met here with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Foreign Ministry officials.

Before leaving yesterday, Mr. Stoltenberg planted a tree in the King Haakon Forest of the Jewish National Fund near Neve Tzan in the northern hills. He also called on the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Reuven Barkat.

ITALIAN CULTURAL ACCORD RATIFIED

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Cabinet yesterday ratified a cultural agreement with Italy which provides the framework for exchanges of art shows and theatrical and musical performances between the two countries.

The agreement also provides for the establishment of Chairs at Israeli universities in Italian language and culture and vice versa. Another clause covers the teaching of Italian and Hebrew in schools in Israel and Italy respectively. The agreement was first suggested when Italian Foreign Minister Aldo Moro visited Israel last year. It has already been ratified by Italy.

14 months' jail for driving without licence

TEL AVIV. — An 18-year-old youth from Jaffa was sentenced yesterday to 14 months' imprisonment for driving a scooter without his own's permission, without a valid licence or proper insurance.

In a previous conviction, the youth, David Nahmias, had received a suspended sentence and had his licence suspended for one year. Magistrate's Court Judge Menahem Haim ordered his licence suspended for an additional year, starting from the date of his release from jail. (Him)

Grocers fined for not showing prices

The Agriculture Ministry has been clamping down on grocers who fail to display prices of fruit and vegetables as required by law. Last month eight vendors in Jerusalem, and four in Tel Aviv were fined from IL50 to IL75 for such violations, and also required to post a bond for three years, to guarantee that the offences will not be repeated.

Ask backing for Seamen's Centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Seamen's Welfare Authority and the Seamen's Union yesterday appealed over the head of the Mayor for Municipal Council financial support for the Seamen's Centre which is to be opened soon in the former U.S. consulate buildings in Rehov. Hapsasim. The Authority has invested IL300,000 for the purchase of the property and its conversion. The two organizations announced yesterday that Mayor Moshe Fleiman had rejected the appeal for Town Hall support in naming the Centre, although over 80 per cent of the seamen and their families — together totalling over 10,000 persons — live in Haifa, and they believed that the Centre deserved the same support as the city's community centres. (Him)

Holyland Hotel Tourism Seminar

In view of the success of the two previous meetings a third meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday, February 15, 1972, 4.45 p.m. at the Holyland Hotel, Jerusalem. Programme: 1. Lectures \* Conditions of Tourist Services \* Tourism and Tourist Agencies 2. Screening of films on the above subjects 3. Social encounter—light refreshment. Free transportation from the Central Bus Station, platform 1, by courtesy of Egged Tours, at 4.30 p.m.



Claude Lipsky coming out of the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

Court rejects Lipsky request

An application by Claude Lipsky for an order calling on the Justice Ministry to show cause why it should not be barred from bringing the question of his extradition to France before the District Court was rejected yesterday by the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem.

Lipsky claimed, in his application, that the Ministry had ignored the sections in the treaty which state that a person would not be extradited where the request is based on political, racial or religious grounds, and that he had not been afforded the opportunity to present his argument to the Ministry. (France has asked for Mr. Lipsky's extradition on charges of fraud and embezzlement, after a 12-year-old extradition treaty between the two countries was ratified last November.)

Mr. Lipsky, in the meantime, has applied for immigrant status here. He came in September on a tourist visa. He claims that the proceedings against him in France are biased by anti-Semitism.

The High Court stated that the matter of extradition is within the discretion of the Justice Ministry, and the High Court should not interfere. Moreover, it pointed out, Mr. Lipsky knew that the Ministry was considering the extradition request, and had ample opportunity to present his objections.

FRENCH LAWYER

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Association of Anti-Nazi Fighters and Victims of Nazism yesterday morning filed a criminal complaint with the police here against Claude Lipsky's French lawyer, Mr. Joannes Ambres. The Association asked the police to arrest Mr. Ambres, on his next visit to Israel, on charges of collaboration with the Nazi death machine against French Jewry under the law for bringing Nazis and their accomplices to justice.

The Association claimed that the French lawyer was a wartime collaborator with the German occupation forces and the Vichy Government in their anti-Jewish campaign. It submitted to the police a copy of the legal work compiled in 1942 by Mr. Ambres together with Dr. Henri Boudry, then commissar of the national police, entitled 'The Judicial and Public Status of the Jews in France'. The Association charged that this legal document served as the basis for the introduction of the infamous Nuremberg racial laws into France.

Z.O.A. 75th jubilee meet here in July

TEL AVIV. — The 75th national jubilee convention of the Zionist Organization of America will take place in Israel from July 12 to 19, Mr. Leon Lutovich, national executive director of the Z.O.A., announced here on the eve of his return to New York.

Lutovich attended the Zionist Congress in Jerusalem and the world conference of General Zionists that preceded it. The Z.O.A. convention will bring to Israel 1,500 delegates representing 110,000 Z.O.A. members from every U.S. state. The sessions will be held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat Silver.

600-BED HOTEL is to be built on the Ramal Hadar hill in Haifa.

Mayor Fleiman said yesterday.

Pupil power

Jerusalem Post Reporter
JAFFA. — Parents of pupils in Municipal High School 12 in Jaffa, which serves the city's minorities, forced the school to remain closed yesterday morning, demanding that the school building be connected to the city's electrical network.

For the past two years the school has been located in an old structure, which once served as the Yugoslav legation, but had not been linked to the power grid. Pupils had been compelled to bring candles to school.

When informed of the strike, the Municipality sent electricians to begin the hook-up work, and studies were resumed by 10 o'clock.

Mother, brother held in killing of girl, 18

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — The mother and brother of an 18-year-old girl, whose charred body was found by firemen called to put out a blaze in a house in the Tufah Quarter here on Thursday, have been arrested on suspicion of murder.

The mother claimed, at first that her daughter, Amna Dib Sharawi, had committed suicide. Police found remains of a blanket soaked in kerosene.

But, according to the police, a pathologist's examination established that the girl had been beaten and strangled before the fire. Taken into custody, the girl's mother and brother, whose names were not released, allegedly confessed that they killed her because she had "brought shame on the family."

The pathologist's report also established that the girl had recently given birth to a baby.

Crime drops in Central District

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMLE. — The crime rate in the Central Police District dropped last year, while the national average rose by 12 per cent. This was disclosed here yesterday by the commander of the Central District, Assistant Commander Ezra Goldberg.

The newly-formed Central District is one of the biggest police districts in the country — from Nabal Alexander (near Hadera) in the north, to Gedera in the south, and up to five kilometres short of Jerusalem in the east. It excludes, however, greater Tel Aviv, which is an independent district. It encompasses a population of 620,000 and 273 settlements and towns, Mr. Goldberg said.

The crime statistics were broken down as follows: Robbery, a drop of 28.6 per cent from 1970; burglary, a drop of 9.1 per cent; theft, a drop of 9.5 per cent.

There was a sharp decline in murders — two in 1971 as against 10 the previous year. But the police declined to claim credit for that. "Most murders are crimes of passion, and one beserk individual can rob or kill an entire family tomorrow morning," Mr. Goldberg pointed out. However, adequate police presence and other deterrent measures can be credited for the decrease in burglaries, hold-ups and other crimes, he said.

The only increase recorded in the Central Police District's files was in road accidents — up by 12.3 per cent in 1971.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market turnover hits nearly IL4.5m. record

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A record IL4,494,700 turnover in stocks was registered yesterday on a booming stock market. Within the past few weeks, new records (since the market fell drastically in 1963) were registered, first of IL2m. then of IL3m. — considered a fantastic sum.

The actual trading floor has already been called by some brokers a madhouse, as orders to buy (with an occasional sell order) come pouring in. 272 and then to 275, by nine to 234 (but then it fell to 231); Delek Befer and registered remained at the opening round prices (160 and 137.5) but then rose to 167 to 142.5; Paz gained four to 93.5 but then to 95.5.

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Ministry raps pilots over criticism

The Transport Ministry reacted sharply, yesterday, to accusations of "low standards of air safety, incompetence and bureaucracy," which were levelled against the Civil Aviation Authority on Friday, by the National Association of Airline Pilots.

The spokesman said that the Ministry has invested, in the past 18 months, IL60m. in the development of Lod Airport and the improvement of safety measures there. The Ministry, he added, is prepared to discuss constructive proposals with the pilots, but finds it regrettable that so many generalized accusations are made to the press by union spokesmen, and that they make proposals which stand in direct contradiction to work procedures fixed by law.

Shepherd boy, 14, drowns in well

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — A 14-year-old shepherd boy drowned on Saturday when he fell into a well while grazing his sheep.

The boy, Saleh el-Ahmal, of the Nuzairat refugee camp south of here, had apparently stepped onto a pile of stones which covered the mouth of the well. The stones collapsed beneath his weight and he fell in.

Immigrant families for Kiryat Bialik

KIRYAT BIALIK. About 500 immigrant families will settle in this bay-side town during the next quarter, as flats built by the Housing Ministry at the Tzur Shalom quarter are completed.

The floor space of the flats are from 70 to 80 sq.m. and the first families are moving in this month. Local Council chairman Zvi Karliner states that the Ministry would build 500 more homes for newcomers, most of whom could find jobs waiting for them in Bayside industrial plants.

The town has now a population of 16,000. About 3,000 new homes are in the planning or building stages.

Meanwhile, 90 homes have just been completed by the Housing Ministry at Ma'alot east of Nahariya. Some of them are earmarked for young couples.

ABSORPTION CENTRE. An absorption centre was opened there recently and is now occupied by 28 immigrant families, some of whom have decided to settle there. There is a waiting list of veterans and young couples throughout the country who have applied for housing at Ma'alot.

In Acre, Mayor Israel Doron complained yesterday that the lack of suitable housing for middle-class families has led to a steady exodus

of hundreds to Nahariya, the Bay-side towns and Haifa during the past few years.

"Most home building in our town is done by public companies, mainly the Housing Ministry, and today you can't find flats here with over 80 sq.m. floor space. A family which for years has lived in a small two-room Amudim home and would like to move into a three-room or three-and-a-half room flat can't find one and eventually they move away... Private contractors cannot build larger homes because there is no land to be had... The Municipality has turned to various authorities pleading for 110 dunams of land, so far without results," Mr. Doron said.

Among the municipality's projects were a housing estate of 273 flats, a wholesale and retail markets complex, a workshop and office space centre. But Interior Ministry approval was being withheld, the mayor said. The municipality was handicapped also by financial difficulties and is unable to repay IL3.5m. of loans. It is also obliged to supplement government services at a cost of IL4.5m. He said he would discuss the town's problems with the Minister of Interior, who is to visit Acre next Sunday.

Timna men back; satisfied mine is safe

EILAT. — Workers at the Timna copper mines returned to work yesterday morning, following the death of a fellow miner in an accident on Thursday night. The workers had refused to go down into the mine on Friday, claiming that security conditions there were unsatisfactory.

The workers agreed to go back yesterday after a Labour Ministry inspector examined the mine and said it was safe. The miner, Ya'acov Alush, had been killed by a falling rock.

A more thorough investigation of the accident is to continue today.

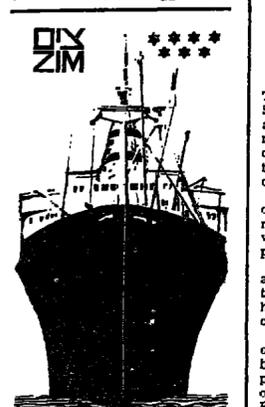
In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, a dispute between Alush's widow and his father regarding the burial site, came before the District Court. The miner's father asked the Court yesterday to direct that Alush be interred in the Holon cemetery, where his late mother was buried. The wife, who is pregnant, prefers that her husband be buried in Eilat.

The judge, explaining that the Court was not authorized to dictate where the burial should be, stated that he felt the closest relative — in this case the wife — would probably have the right to make such a decision.

T.A. parking ban on Fridays asked

TEL AVIV. — A proposal to ban parking in the main thoroughfares here during the Friday rush hours in order to ensure the smooth flow of traffic, was made here yesterday by a member of the Municipal Transportation Committee, Mr. David Shifman, to committee chairman Deputy Mayor Haimel Ramot.

According to Mr. Shifman's proposal, parking would be banned on the main streets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. This would provide drivers with another lane, and thus ease congestion.



CARGO VESSELS EXPECTED AT HAIFA PORT

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Court forbids meddling with sale of Avnaal

TEL AVIV. — District Court Judge Simo Lowenberg yesterday issued a restraining order against 26 former agents of the Avnaal shoe company to prevent them from interfering with the transfer of ownership of the bankrupt firm.

The agents are claiming 150 per cent severance pay from the official receivers, who reply that the agents were not employees but self-employed commission agents. Judge Lowenberg advised the agents to re-submit their claims to the official receivers, consenting to hear their case if they fail to receive satisfaction.

The bankrupt firm, formerly owned by Herman Hollander, is being sold to the Na'alel Dali company for IL2.5m. The transfer of ownership is due to take place on February 29. (Him)

Ask backing for Seamen's Centre

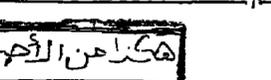
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Seamen's Welfare Authority and the Seamen's Union yesterday appealed over the head of the Mayor for Municipal Council financial support for the Seamen's Centre which is to be opened soon in the former U.S. consulate buildings in Rehov. Hapsasim. The Authority has invested IL300,000 for the purchase of the property and its conversion. The two organizations announced yesterday that Mayor Moshe Fleiman had rejected the appeal for Town Hall support in naming the Centre, although over 80 per cent of the seamen and their families — together totalling over 10,000 persons — live in Haifa, and they believed that the Centre deserved the same support as the city's community centres. (Him)

Holyland Hotel Tourism Seminar

In view of the success of the two previous meetings a third meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday, February 15, 1972, 4.45 p.m. at the Holyland Hotel, Jerusalem. Programme: 1. Lectures \* Conditions of Tourist Services \* Tourism and Tourist Agencies 2. Screening of films on the above subjects 3. Social encounter—light refreshment. Free transportation from the Central Bus Station, platform 1, by courtesy of Egged Tours, at 4.30 p.m.

Anti-Tuberculosis League

A session of the Executive Committee will be held tonight at 8 p.m. at the League's Club, 26 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Tel Aviv. Please be punctual!



ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK LTD. Table with 3 columns: Name, Unit Price, Redemption Price. Includes ALON, DEKEL, BROSH.

# Port congested HAIFA DOCKERS EXTEND GO-SLOW

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
**HAIFA** — The stevedores here yesterday decided to extend the citrus loading go-slow to all cargoes in the port. Starting from this morning they will work only one norm and a third per shift, and will also refuse to work extra shifts.

The decision was taken unanimously at a stormy general meeting of the stevedores called by their committee in the face of pressure by the 250 fruit loaders among them, whose two-week-long go-slow for income tax refunds had not met with any official reaction. They had been handling only a norm and a third.

Yesterday's decision binds all the 820 stevedores who work on board the ship in the port, and their go-slow will snarl the complete port operation.

The 128 port foremen also intensified their strike action yesterday, when they decided to stop all overtime work. This was in reaction to the management's notice that it would dock pay for the go-slow tactics.

While until now the stevedores' committee had not officially backed the fruit loaders' go-slow, it fully supports the general slow-down, following the general meeting decision, committee secretary Jacques Cohen told *The Post*. He warned the men against deciding on a general strike, "because this is a trap the management has laid. If we launch a full strike they will force us to the norms, and we'll be the

eventual losers. But if we decide to do our norms and an additional 33 per cent premium, we are not violating any clause in our contract and we shall be within our rights," he told the men.

A motion to refuse to unload any ships destined to Haifa from Ashdod was not put to the vote.

The men's decision will further aggravate the already grave port congestion, which yesterday found 26 general freighters tied up outside Ashdod and Haifa harbours.

As most of the general cargo is now being diverted to Haifa, because Ashdod is handling most of the citrus, in order not to harm the exports, the general slow-down will be particularly damaging. Unlike with the citrus slow-down the Port Authority now has no room left to manoeuvre and the ports are bound to become progressively more clogged up.

At the end of last week, the Shippers Council, representing the importers and exporters, had called the Transport Minister asking for immediate and vigorous Government intervention to overcome congestion in the ports. Council Secretary Arieh Meirav noted that even at the various slow-downs in the ports, the increased cargo turnover will make it difficult to overcome the congestion unless several hundred more men are mobilized — a move the council has been pressing for since the beginning of the winter.

He stated that because of the congestion, a number of ships had sailed from Haifa without waiting for export cargoes they were to take, and the situation is causing serious damage to the economy. Besides the \$1m. already paid in congestion surcharges, the shipping conference now want an increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. He noted that due to the greatly stepped-up construction activities, large additional cargoes of building timber, iron and cement have been ordered abroad and they will further clog up the ports during the next few weeks, unless the Government steps in immediately.

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## ELIAT PORT Peres can issue orders to work

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
The Cabinet yesterday empowered Transport Minister Shimon Peres to gazette back-to-work orders should he find this necessary in order to keep Eliat port operating.

Mr. Peres said he would not gazette the orders as yet, since he hoped that the Eliat stevedores would see reason, and accept his reassurances, as well as the reassurances of the Histadrut, that their interests would be protected.

(The workers in Eliat held a meeting last night, to discuss future action in view of the Cabinet decision. Meanwhile, work at the port is accumulating with several cargo ships and tankers waiting. The oil pipeline, in particular, is being affected by the strike.)

The *Jerusalem Post* learned, late last night, that the works committees of the various unions in Eliat, including those of Hama Copper mines, Arisa, Eliat-Ashkelon pipeline, Electric Corporation, the teachers and the Municipal workers, have announced that they will hold a two-hour sympathy strike from 10 to noon tomorrow. The teachers will use the two hours to conduct a special class on the importance of Eliat, historically and geographically.

Should the back-to-work order be gazetted, the committees said, the sympathy strike will be held for a full day, on the day after the order is issued.

Mr. Peres said that before the Eliat strike started on Friday, he had received a delegation of the stevedores and the local Labour Council to explain their fears that the new Japan-Fanama-Haifa freighter line planned by Zim would harm their livelihood.

He said he promised the Eliatis that the Government was anxious to do all in its powers to boost their port's development. He had proposed setting up a joint enquiry board to examine the effects which the opening of the new line would have on the port. "They accepted my proposal but still struck," the Minister said.

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## Labour Party to discuss bill on settling work disputes

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**TEL AVIV** — The final version of the Settlement of Labour Disputes bill — lodged in the Knesset Labour Committee since November — may be decided upon at a critical meeting of the House's Labour Party faction scheduled for Thursday.

Prime Minister Golda Meir has announced her intention to attend the meeting, which will have to decide whether to support the bill as tabled in the Knesset, or to accept the modification urged by the Histadrut.

In the original version of the bill, the right to declare a strike or an issue other than those covered in valid labour contracts is allotted, in effect, to the Histadrut. But several trade unions have voiced their opposition to this clause, on the grounds that only the Histadrut Executive would then be able to declare a legal strike.

The Histadrut's Secretary-General, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, has therefore proposed that the Histadrut may delegate to trade unions and Labour Councils the power to declare a strike. But Labour Minister Yosef Almog is strongly opposed to this idea which he says would defeat the purpose of the bill. He argues that individual unions would be able to stage wildcat strikes because the Histadrut would lack the legal power to enforce discipline.

If the Histadrut forfeits its rights on this crucial matter, Mr. Almog is said to feel "pressure groups" would be free to act as they did in the past. Almog and Ben-Aharon met here on Friday but could not reach agreement.

Mr. Ben-Aharon told the Histadrut Central Committee yesterday

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## Fire destroys police chief's car

**TEL AVIV** — The car of the Holon Police commander, Rav-Pakad Shlomo Kadourie, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Police said there was definite evidence of arson.

The car was parked in front of the police officer's house at 2 Behov Harevruv in Ramat Gan. Neighbours spotted the blaze at 2 a.m. and called the Fire Brigade. The investigation continues.

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**DANGER SPOT** — The Motza bridge curve on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway witnesses accidents almost daily — even when the weather is good. Called by some the "citrus bend," because of overturned trucks, which have had their fruit loads strewn on the road, the curve saw another accident yesterday when a Tel Aviv-bound taxi hit a woman pedestrian and then careened over the divider and off the road. She was treated for injuries at hospital, as were the occupants of the taxi, but all were later released. Most of the accidents on the Motza bridge occur on the Jerusalem-bound side of the bridge, which is hidden from view of vehicles coming down the Ohel slope.

## 4 pedestrians killed, 2 hurt on roads

Four pedestrians were killed, and two seriously injured, in road accidents over the week-end.

On Saturday night, a bus collided with a car parked near a traffic island on the coastal road near Herzliya. Three pedestrians who were standing next to the car were killed instantly. They were Haim Rafi, 40, of Jaffa; Sirhanas Afif, 24, of Kfar Yassa; and Rizak Subahi, 40, of Rina. The bus driver was held for questioning.

The fourth victim, a 70-year-old blind man, Eilahu Maman, was killed in Rosh Pina on Friday when an army driver backed up his truck and ran him over.

In Ramat Gan, an elderly couple were injured on Saturday night when they were struck by a car while crossing the street. The couple, Moshe and Devora Ziskowitz, of Tel Aviv, were taken to Ichlof Hospital where their condition is reported as serious.

## Linn joins State List

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV** — Mr. Amnon Linn, former Labour Party M.K. who used to be a key figure in the old Israeli Labour Party, has officially joined the State List and was immediately coopted onto its Secretariat.

He is a son-in-law of the late Haifa Mayor, Bob Khoushy, and until recently was director of the Haifa Labour Council Arab Affairs Department. Mr. Linn said he left the Labour Party "because its uncontrolled bigness under the present electoral system represents a threat to democracy."

The State List Secretariat replied to hold its first national convention this year, and hold regional rallies beforehand.

Recently, the State List lost some of its most outstanding personalities, including its Knesset whip, Dr. Mordechai Avichair, who refused to join the Labour Party — from which it had been standing aloof since its old Rafi comrades merged into the Labour Party in 1968. (Earlier report, Page 7)

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**The Ashdod "housing swindle"** yesterday showed all the signs of blowing up into a major scandal as four men — two of them local Ashdod employees — were remanded for 15 days amidst rumours that higher-placed Ashdod and Labour Council officials are involved.

In response to an urgent request by Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, the Histadrut Central Control Commission yesterday undertook to send an investigation team to Ashdod to look into how Ashdod flats are distributed.

Another inquiry commission has been set up jointly by Ashdod and the Housing Ministry to investigate allegations of profiteering and bribery in granting flats, earmarked for immigrants, to Ashdod politicians and labour officials.

Remanded in the Ashkelon Magistrate's Court yesterday were Ya'acov Yeheskel, assistant regional manager for Ashdod in Ashdod; Rafi Biton, director of the Ashdod branch in Ashdod's Vav Quarter; and Shlomo Amselem and Elzhan Khalifa — both "free-lance" estate agents.

Yeheskel is suspected of having received bribes from Amselem for handing over flats to non-immigrants. A Ramat Gan resident, Yeheskel worked for Amselem five years ago in the same clearance project in Jaffa. Under investigation

of taking bribes, he was cleared but suspended from Amselem. He then went abroad on a security mission, according to his attorney, Mr. Shimon Cohen-Zidon. When he returned he was appointed assistant manager for the Rehovot-Ness-Zigona region of Ashdod, and in August was transferred to Ashdod.

Biton, a resident of Yavne, is under suspicion of having been a contact man between Yeheskel and the middlemen. He appeared in court without a lawyer, admitted to all the facts presented by the police, but claimed he had only followed orders from his superiors.

A police officer told Judge Gildad Galdi that he has evidence that the suspect, Shlomo Amselem, had taken from ILA,000 to IL14,000 in bribes from three "clients" who received flats intended for immigrants and large families. There was reason to suspect, he said, that some of this money reached the pockets of Ashdod employees. Khalifa is suspected of working "in full cooperation," with Amselem.

Yesterday's scene in court was packed and some of the operators threatened press photographers and TV cameramen with violence. Taking a stern view of the whole affair, Judge Galdi refused bail to the four suspects, saying that the police must be allowed to investigate "this shocking case of corruption without interference."

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## Georgians protest at Lod

**LOD AIRPORT** — Some 200 Georgian immigrants demonstrated here yesterday in protest at the dismissal of Georgian Jews from airport work, allegedly because they refused to work on the Sabbath.

The demonstrators carried various placards, some of which said: "We want to observe the Sabbath in Russia — are we to be unable to do so in Israel?" They heard fiery speeches from Georgian rabbis and leaders, and blew the shofar.

Several of the demonstrators were asked by reporters what their Hebrew signs said, but they could not say. At one point, some of the demonstrators and police scuffled, but order was generally maintained and no one was arrested.

The airport employed about 20 Georgian workers in the peak season, last December, on a temporary basis. According to airport spokesmen, they were dismissed when the rush season ended, together with other, non-Georgian workers. However, circles in the Agudat Israel and among the Georgian immigrants insist they were dismissed because they refused to work on the Sabbath.

## Ethiopian crew member missing off trawler

**HAIFA** — An Ethiopian fisherman was lost at sea yesterday morning when he apparently fell off the trawler Carmel near the Nabariya coast.

The *Jerusalem Post* learns that the fisherman, Mohamed Ibrahim Mohamed, was last seen by his three shipmates when they awoke in the morning. Half-an-hour later, when the crew got ready to pull in the trawl net, they noticed he was missing.

The skipper radioed the shore and all available fishing craft and Navy and Coastal Police vessels launched a search. The search was called off last night and will be resumed this morning.

## Lebanese here for bridge tourney

**LOD AIRPORT** — A citizen of Lebanon, Tony Dlat, now residing in Switzerland, was among those who arrived to take part in the International Bridge Festival, which opened in Tel Aviv's Sheraton Hotel on Saturday night.

**Hoover for better homes**

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with rain in the end of period.

Weather synopsis: Upper level high pressure over the Balkans. Low pressure over the Mediterranean is moving eastward.

| City        | Temp | Wind  | Humidity |
|-------------|------|-------|----------|
| Jerusalem   | 21   | 12-18 | 65       |
| Golan       | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Nahariya    | 21   | 10-15 | 65       |
| Safed       | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Haifa       | 20   | 10-15 | 65       |
| Tiberias    | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Beit She'an | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Anata       | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Shimon      | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Tel Aviv    | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Lod         | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Jericho     | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Beit        | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Gaza        | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Beit        | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |
| Tiran       | 18   | 10-15 | 60       |

**ARRIVALS**

Mr. Max M. Fisher, Chairman of the Israel Agency Board of Government, to the U.S. to prepare for the 25th anniversary of the state's business.

**DEPARTURES**

Absorption Minister Moshe Shapira, on behalf of the U.S.

Mr. Wolfgang Ley, member of the board of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, to the U.S. to prepare for the orchestra's tour there in the fall (CA 43).

**BOAC group here for discussions**

**LOD AIRPORT** — A top delegation of BOAC officials arrived yesterday by El Al to discuss the expansion of mutual rights between the two airlines.

The head of the delegation, president B.W. Bambridge, was reluctant to say more than that expected greater cooperation between the airlines, and was optimistic about the outcome of discussions. He also expressed hope that tourism in both nations would expand as a result of increased cooperation.

**Youth groups plan drive on civil marriage**

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV** — The youth divisions of the Independent Liberal Party and Mapam yesterday announced they will launch a public campaign in support of the Civil Marriage and Divorce bill of I.P.F. Knesset whip Gideon Hammer. They threaten to take their protest into the streets.

They threatened to intensify their struggle if the coalition cabinet meeting today refuses to endorse Mr. Hammer's private bill. He has appealed for support to other parties' youth divisions, especially that of the Labour party.

Mapam youth head Nehum Shalom and I.P.F. youth leader Zvi Nir are said to have asked coalition executive chairman Moshe Baran that he set Members of coalition factions free to vote as they think fit on this measure.

The bill would accord citizens freedom of choice in matters of personal status between civil and religious courts of law. It aims at solving the problems of those Jews, for example, who are unable to marry according to Halacha.

Mr. Nir said he would urge his party to leave the coalition if Mr. Hammer's bill is not endorsed, while Mr. Shalom said his group would struggle within the Alignment and the coalition. Plans were underway for setting up a public committee to fight for such legislative reform.

**Safe Driver contest for the army**

**TEL AVIV** — In the army's Safe Driver contest which opened yesterday awards will be given to units, as well as to individual drivers. This was announced yesterday by the head of the road patrol department of the military police, on an Army Radio programme.

The contest, which differs in this respect from the civilian contest, is open to army drivers whose rank is no higher than sergeant. Each driver, depending on the type of regular duties to which he is assigned, starts with a number of points, with deductions or additions being made for faults and for good deeds, respectively.

A CONFERENCE of Russian immigrant physicians is to be held on Wednesday at Ichlof Hospital in Tel Aviv. Among the participants will be the Minister of Health, and representatives of the Ministry of Absorption, the Jewish Agency, and Kapat Holim Centre.

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## 'LITTLE KOTEL'

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for Religious Affairs beneath the houses abutting the Western Wall. Yesterday Ministry officials denied that the excavations had caused the building walls to crack, quoting its occupants as saying that the cracks had existed when the Old City was under Jordanian occupation.

The Municipality had asked the Company for the Reconstruction of the Old City to see to the propping up job. A company official said yesterday that the plans were drawn up by a Tel Aviv engineer who has worked in the Jewish Quarter, a Mr. Achbert. He was absent yesterday on reserve duty and could not be reached for comment.

The plans called for laying iron girders across the floor of a portico beneath the building, imbedding them in cement, and then raising vertical girders to support the building. One of the points to be clarified by the commission set up by Mrs. Meir was whether the engineer knew that one of the walls in which the girders were to be wedged was part of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount.

According to a Ministry official, the Jewish foramen in charge of the Arab workmen who executed the plan told him that the wall was "not the Kotel (Western Wall)." The committee, headed by Haim Kubersky, director-general of the Interior Ministry, is to report to the Prime Minister "within a few days."

The sanctity of the stones was questioned by some who noted that they do not bear the well-chiselled "markings" that distinguish the Herodian stones laid during the construction of the Temple. Archaeologist Meir Ben-Dov declared yesterday that the stones were Omayyad (early Arab), from the 8th century. (Ben-Dov is assistant to Prof. Benjamin Mazar, who is conducting the excavations around the southern wall of the Temple Mount.)

Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, in charge of the Western Wall compound, gathered the pieces of stone that had been chipped out of the Temple Mount wall. He said yesterday he would consult religious writings to determine what was to be done with them. One top Municipal official suggested last night cementing them in the wall.

The "Little Kotel" is unknown today to most Jerusalemites, but Ministry officials noted that Jews would sometimes pray there during times of tension in the Mandate period, when the approach to the Western Wall was barred.

N.R.P. Knesset Members Yitzhak Raphael, Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir hurried to submit urgent motions for the agenda as soon as they heard of the incident. Mr. Hammer said that Mayor Kollek's policy vis-a-vis the city's Arab residents was at the root of his decision to "spare the house and spoil the Wall." The City should be forced out of the picture completely, Mr. Hammer said.

The Knesset President, meeting today, is likely to agree to an urgent debate.

At last night's meeting of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, Gahal

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